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June 3, 1968

J. Edgar Hoover, Chief
Federal Bureau of Investigation
U.S. Department of Justice
Washington, D.C. 20000

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Recently we received a request from a group of students to establish on our campus an organization "Students for a Democratic Society."

Several newspaper articles have stated that this organization is known to be on the far democratic left. Some faculty members have informed me that there may be Communist influence in the Students for a Democratic Society. Could you answer the following questions for me:

1. Are there any Communist party members of the Students for a Democratic Society?
2. Does the Communist organization issue directives to the leaders of the Students for a Democratic Society?
3. Is the party line of the Communists similar to the line of the Students for a Democratic Society?
4. Do you feel the establishment of a chapter of the Students for a Democratic Society is a desirable organization on a college campus?

We would appreciate an early reply.

Very truly yours,

[Redacted signature]
[Redacted address]
100-439048-2308

Ack
JBT:ms
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cc: Dr. Herbert Zeitlin, President

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June 7, 1968

Triton College
1000 Wolf Road
Northridge, Illinois 60164

Dear Mr. Shearburn:

In response to your letter of June 3rd, the Students for a Democratic Society (SDS), as it is known today, came into being at a founding convention held at Port Huron, Michigan, in June, 1962.

This association of young people has a current program of protesting the draft, promoting a campaign for youth to develop a conscientious objector status and denouncing United States intervention in the war in Vietnam. It also seeks to "radically transform" the university community and provide for its complete control by students.

Gus Hall, General Secretary, Communist Party, USA, when interviewed on May 14, 1968, by a representative of United Press International in San Francisco, California, described the SDS as a part of the "new left" which the Party has "going for us." At its national convention in June, 1968, an anticommunist proviso was removed from the SDS constitution. In the October 7, 1968 issue of "New Left Notes," the official publication of SDS, an SDS spokesman stated that there are some communists in SDS and they are welcome. I am enclosing some material regarding this organization for your further information.

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Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

Enclosures (3)

1 - Chicago - Enclosure

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See Enclosures and NOTE next page.

Mr. [REDACTED]

Enclosures (3)

XCERT - Testimony of John Edgar Hoover, Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation,
before The House Subcommittee on Appropriations, on February 23, 1968.
Turbulence on the Campus
An Analysis of the New Left: A Gospel of Nihilism

NOTE: Bufiles contain no record of correspondent.

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Date: **JUN 5 1968**

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Via **AIRTEL** _____

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-439048)
FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (100-40903) (P)
SUBJECT: STUDENTS FOR A DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY
IS-SDS

ReBuairtel to Albany 5/15/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau are ten copies and for the Detroit Office two copies of an letterhead memorandum (LHM) which sets forth information concerning individuals who will be in attendance at the SDS National Convention, scheduled to be held at Michigan State University, East Lansing, Michigan, on 6/10-15/68.

10 ENCLOSURES
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BY: **3/10/68**

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Special Agent in Charge

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This LHM was classified confidential in order to protect the aforementioned sources, who are sources of continuing value and the identification of these sources could have an adverse effect on the internal security of the United States.



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STUDENTS FOR A DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY (SDS)

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[REDACTED] [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] [REDACTED] advised that Clark Kissinger
was recently heard to state that he will attend the SDS B7D
National Convention.

The following is additional background information,
where available, of individuals previously mentioned in this
communication:

Greg Calvert *Mich*

[REDACTED] advised that on July 19, 1966, at a
planning meeting for the proposed W.E. B. Du Bois Clubs of
America (DCA) held in Chicago, Illinois, Greg Calvert from B7D
the National Office of SDS, was present. At this meeting Calvert
stated that he could not endorse the proposed DCA National
Action in Washington, D. C., for August 27-28, 1966, which
would include a march on the White House or some other office,
for his organization, but he would encourage the local Economic
Research and Action Project (ERAP) to support it and that he
would personally work in SDS in support of the Action.

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Calvert, National Secretary of SDS, had recently been in Gary, Indiana, and while there was very critical of Bettina Aptheker and displayed a very antagonistic attitude toward Aptheker and the CP. Calvert described Aptheker as being "fat and ugly" and too radically inclined." Calvert further stated that Aptheker had recently contacted the "New Left Notes" concerning a forthcoming strike on college campuses this spring which would protest the war in Vietnam and Calvert remarked that Aptheker's idea is a bad one. Calvert also claimed it was a poor idea on her part as the CP only wants the strike for its own propaganda.

██████████ advised that prior to the SDS National Convention held at Ann Arbor, Michigan, June 25-30, 1967, Greg Calvert was the National Secretary of SDS.

Carl Davidson

██████████ advised that prior to the SDS National Convention held at Ann Arbor June 25-30, 1967, Carl Davidson was the National Vice President of SDS.

Mike Davidson

[REDACTED] advised that as of March, 1965, Mike Davidson was a member of the W. E. B. Du Bois Clubs of Chicago (DCC). 2/1-

[redacted] advised that Mike Davidson is the son of Morris Davidson, a CP of Illinois member.

Bernard Farber

[redacted] advised that during August, 1965, Farber was in attendance at a CP of Illinois Youth School.

Chris Hobson

[redacted] advised that at an SDS sponsored conference held November 11-12, 1967, in Chicago, Illinois, Hobson stated that political activity does include use of guns, either here, in the future, or far away at the present, in Vietnam. Hobson added that we can see our participation in this kind of activity.

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Mike James *ILL Mich*

[REDACTED] advised that on March 25, 1967, a peace march and rally was held in Chicago which was sponsored by various peace and civil rights organizations. During the demonstrations, Mike James, who was introduced as an SDS leader, spoke and urged that draft eligible youths defy the draft and called for continued protests and sit-in demonstrations on every campus protesting the Vietnam War. James added that the poor must be organized in opposition to the military-industrial complex. *B7D*

Clark Kissinger *ILL Mich*

[REDACTED] advised that Clark Kissinger, National Secretary of SDS, in addressing the SDS National Conference on June 13, 1965, presented a program called "Kissinger's Project" or "Kissinger's Kamikaze." *B7D*

In presenting this program, Kissinger proposed that SDS members deliberately violate the Espionage Act of 1917, certain provisions of the Smith Act of 1940, and specific sections of the Code of Military Justice, by entering United States military bases and passing out leaflets which would demoralize men in the armed forces and which would suggest that the members of the armed forces should desert and further adopt devious means of avoiding service and direct participation in the Vietnam War.

Fred Kushner *ILL Mich*

[REDACTED] advised that Kushner is the son of Sam Kushner, former CP of Illinois functionary. *B7D*

[REDACTED] *B1*
[REDACTED] advised that the Young Socialist Alliance (YSA) held a fund raising party in Chicago on October 15, 1966, and among those in attendance was Freddie Kushner. *B7D*

Robert M. Pardun *ILL Mich*

[REDACTED] advised that Pardun, who during the early part of 1963 was a leader in SDS at Austin, Texas, *B7D*

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was during April, 1965, in contact with James A. Kennedy who was the Southwest Regional Coordinator of the DCA. Source was unable to furnish any additional information regarding this contact.

Earl Silbar

ILL Mich

[REDACTED]
a discussion group met to discuss MAO Tse-tung's book "Contradictions." This group was addressed by Andrew Rakochy, and Earl Silbar was in attendance.

Andrew Rakochy

ILL Mich

The October-November, 1966, issue of "Progressive Labor," published by the Progressive Labor Party (PLP) lists Rakochy (mentioned above) as the midwest representative of PLP.

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Peggy Terry

ILL Mich

[REDACTED] advised that as of May, 1960, Peggy Terry was a member of the CP.

Characterizations of the SDS, DCA, DCC, YSA and PLP are attached hereto.

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APPENDIX

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STUDENTS FOR A DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY

The Students for a Democratic Society (SDS), as it is known today, came into being at a founding convention held at Port Huron, Michigan, in June, 1962. The SDS is an association of young people on the left and has a current program of protesting the draft, promoting a campaign for youth to develop a conscientious objector status, denouncing United States intervention in the war in Vietnam and to "radically transform" the university community, and provide for its complete control by students. GUS HALL, General Secretary, Communist Party, USA, when interviewed by a representative of United Press International in San Francisco, California, on May 14, 1965, described the SDS as a part of the "responsible left" which the Party has "going for us." At the June, 1965, SDS National Convention, an anticommunist proviso was removed from the SDS constitution. In the October 7, 1966, issue of "New Left Notes," the official publication of SDS, an SDS spokesman stated that there are some communists in SDS and they are welcome. The national headquarters of this organization as of April 18, 1967, was located in Room 206, 1608 West Madison Street, Chicago, Illinois.

APPENDIX

W.E.B. DU BOIS CLUBS OF AMERICA (DCA)

A second source has advised that the founding convention for the new youth organization was held from June 19-21, 1964, at 150 Golden Gate Avenue, San Francisco, California, at which time the name W.E.B. DuBois Clubs of America (DCA) was adopted. Approximately 500 delegates from throughout the United States attended this convention.

The second source advised in September, 1966, that MIKE ZAGARELL, CPUSA Youth Director, stated that in Negro communities the Party still supported the plan to build "loft" socialist centers and to solidify the Party base through the DCA. This source also advised in September, 1966, that DANIEL RUBIN, CPUSA National Organizational Secretary, stated the Party believes the DCA should have a working-class outlook and be a mass organization favorable to socialism, socialist countries and Marxism, and in April, 1967, advised that GUS HALL, CPUSA General Secretary, indicated the DCA primary emphasis should be on developing mass resistance to the draft.

A third source advised in September, 1967, that JARVIS TYNER was elected chairman of the DCA on September 10, 1967, at the Third National Convention of the DCA held in New York, New York, from September 8-10, 1967.

A fourth source advised during August, 1967, that JARVIS TYNER is a member of the National Committee of the CPUSA.

A fifth source advised on September 21, 1967, that the headquarters of the DCA is located at 34 West 17th Street, New York, New York.

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APPENDIX

W.K.B. DU BOIS CLUBS
OF CHICAGO (DCC)

On May 3, 1965, a source advised that on June 30, 1964, a group of young people who attended the founding convention of the W.K.B. DuBois Clubs of America (DCA) met in Chicago and adopted a statement of purpose and constitution forming the DCC as an affiliate of the national DCA.

A second source advised on May 1, 1967, that DCA chartered clubs in the Chicago area are the West Side DCC and the North Side DCC, neither of which currently maintain a headquarters. There is no central headquarters for the DCC and there are no unchartered clubs in this area.

The second source advised that the majority of DCC members are also members of the CP.

During the past year DCC activity has been almost nonexistent.

APPENDIX"YOUNG SOCIALIST"

The "Young Socialist" is a magazine published five times a year by the Young Socialist Alliance. The October, 1964, edition, the initial edition utilizing the magazine format, relates that this magazine succeeds the "Young Socialist" newspaper in an effort to provide "more facts on more general issues than a small newspaper can."

The "Young Socialist" newspaper was formerly described as the official organ of the Young Socialist Alliance (YSA).

The "Young Socialist" maintains office space at the headquarters of the YSA, Rooms 532-536, 41 Union Square, West, New York City, and has a mailing address of Post Office Box 471, Cooper Station, New York, New York 10003.

A characterization of the YSA is set out separately.

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~YOUNG SOCIALIST ALLIANCE

The May, 1960, issue of the "Young Socialist" (YS), page 1, column 3, disclosed that during April 15-17, 1960, a national organization entitled "The Young Socialist Alliance" (YSA) was established at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. This issue stated that this organization was formed by the nationwide supporter clubs of the publication YS.

The above issue, page 6, set forth the Founding Declaration of the YSA. This declaration stated that the YSA recognizes the Socialist Workers Party (SWP) as the only existing political leadership on class struggle principles of revolutionary socialism.

On March 10, 1967, a source advised that the YSA was formed during 1957, by youth of various left socialist tendencies, particularly members and followers of the SWP. The source further advised that the YSA has recently become more open about admitting that it is the youth group of the SWP and that an SWP representative has publicly stated that the YSA is the SWP's youth group.

The headquarters of the YSA are located in Rooms 532-536, 41 Union Square West, New York City.

The SWP has been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

A characterization of "Young Socialist" is set out separately.

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APPENDIX

YOUNG SOCIALIST ALLIANCE-CHICAGO

A source advised in late November, 1959, that the Young Socialist Alliance-Chicago (YSA-C), formerly known as Young Socialist Supporters, had its origin in a series of informal discussions held in Chicago prior to June, 1959, among individuals who were close to the Socialist Workers Party (SWP).

The YSA-C as of November, 1959, proclaimed itself to be a city-wide revolutionary youth organization designed to build socialism in America and aimed toward youth on college campuses in the Chicago area and as being independent of all adult groupings.

According to a second source in May, 1967, the YSA-C, also known as the University Young Socialists, was considered the youth group of the Chicago Branch SWP and affiliated with the national organization of the YSA in New York. The YSA-C officers as of May, 1967, were current members or sympathizers of the Chicago SWP.

The SWP has been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

PROGRESSIVE LABOR PARTY

A source advised on April 20, 1965, that the Progressive Labor Party (PLP), formerly known as the Progressive Labor Movement (PLM), held its first national convention April 15-18, 1965, at New York, New York, to organize the PLM into a PLP. The PLP will have as its ultimate objective the establishment of a militant working class movement based on Marxism-Leninism.

The "New York Times" City Edition, Tuesday, April 20, 1965, page 27, reported that a new party of "revolutionary socialism" was formally founded on April 18, 1965, under the name of the PLP. The PLP was described as an outgrowth of the PLM. Its officers were identified as MILTON ROSEN, New York, President, and WILLIAM EPTON of New York and MORT SCHEER of San Francisco Vice Presidents. A 20-member National Committee was elected to direct the party until the next convention.

According to the article, "The Progressive Labor Movement was founded in 1962 by Mr. ROSEN and Mr. SCHEER after they were expelled from the Communist Party of the United States for assertedly following the Chinese Communist line."

The PLP publishes "Progressive Labor," a bi-monthly magazine, "Challenge," a monthly New York City newspaper, and "Spark," a West Coast newspaper.

The April, 1967, issue of "Challenge," page 14, states that, "This paper is dedicated to fight for a new way of life—where the working men and women own and control their homes, factories, the police, courts, and the entire government on every level."

A second source advised on September 26, 1966, that the PLP utilizes the address of General Post Office Box 808, Brooklyn 1, New York, but also utilizes an office in Room 617, 1 Union Square, West, New York City, where PLP publications are prepared.



In Reply, Please Refer to
File No. 100-48903

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
Chicago, Illinois

JUN 5 1963

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Title

STUDENTS FOR A DEMOCRATIC
SOCIETY

Character

INTERNAL SECURITY-STUDENTS FOR A
DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY

Reference

Memorandum dated and
captioned as above.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities
are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable
information in the past.

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TO DIRECTOR (100-439049) (157-NEW)

FROM CHICAGO (100-40903) (157-NEW) 3P

STUDENTS FOR A DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY (SDS), IS-SDS.
AFRO AMERICAN CULTURAL ORGANIZATION (AACO), RM.

CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE, WHO HAS FURNISHED RELIABLE
INFORMATION IN THE PAST, ADVISED TODAY THAT LATE AFTERNOON
TODAY ONE LOUIS (LNU), WHITE MALE STUDENT AT NORTHERN ILLINOIS
UNIVERSITY (NIU), DE KALB, ILLINOIS, DISTRIBUTED MIMEDOGRAPHED
UNSIGNED PAMPHLETS CALLING FOR FIFTEEN BASIC CHANGES IN NIU
POLICY THAT WERE "NECESSARY" FOR THE ASCENDENCY OF NIU TO
A PLACE OF "THE GREAT INSTITUTIONS OF LEARNING."

SOURCE ADVISED FIFTEEN CHANGES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

(ONE) ABOLITION COMPULSORY CLASS ROOM ATTENDANCE.

(TWO) STUDENTS HAVE AVAILABLE ADEQUATE, FAIR COMPREHENSIVE
INSURANCE PROGRAM THROUGH UNIVERSITY.

(THREE) UNIVERSITY IMPLEMENT POLICY OF NON-DISCRIMINATION ON
ANY GROUNDS. (FOUR) ALL UNIVERSITY COMMITTEES DEALING WITH
STUDENTS' AFFAIRS HAVE STUDENT FACULTY RATIO IN PROPORTION

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TO UNIVERSITY AS WHOLE. (FIVE) THERE BE NO DISMISSAL FROM UNIVERSITY FOR ANY REASONS OTHER THAN ACADEMIC. (SIX) POLICIES CONCERNING ACADEMIC DISMISSAL BE REVIEWED. (SEVEN) A TEST-FAIL OPTION BE IMPLEMENTED IN UNIVERSITY REQUIREMENTS AND SPECIFIED NUMBER OF COURSES PER SEMESTER. (EIGHT) DORMITORY AND TUITION FEES BE PAYABLE IN INSTALLMENTS. (NINE) SECOND YEAR STUDENTS, AND ABOVE BE GOVERNED BY NO HOUSING REQUIREMENTS. (TEN) FULL TIME DRAFT COUNSELLOR BE EMPLOYED BY UNIVERSITY. (ELEVEN) UNIVERSITY HEALTH CENTER DISPENSE BIRTH CONTROL PILLS. (TWELVE) UNIVERSITY SHOULD NOT ASSIST IN ANY WAY SECRET INVESTIGATIONS OR RESEARCH, BY ORGANIZATIONS SUCH AS CIA, FBN, AND FBI. (THIRTEEN) POSSESSION OR CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOL BY INDIVIDUALS AND GROUPS BE REGULATED BY STATE AND LOCAL LAWS NOT UNIVERSITY ADMINISTRATION. (FOURTEEN) STUDENT - FACULTY POLICY REVIEW BOARD BE FORMED.

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PAGE THREE

(FIFTEEN) CAMPUS POLICE IMMEDIATELY BE ORDERED TO REMOVE
THEIR SIDEARMS WHEN WITHIN CONFINES OF CAMPUS.

SOURCE ADVISED PRESIDENT OF UNIVERSITY AGREED TO
MEET WITH ABOVE LOUIS (LNU) MAY THIRTY ONE NEXT TO DISCUSS
PROPOSALS.

ADMINISTRATIVE

RE CHICAGO TEL TO BUREAU TODAY.

EFFORTS BEING MADE TO DETERMINE IDENTITY OF LOUIS (LNU)
AND CHICAGO FOLLOWING. LHM FOLLOWS.

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FROM CHICAGO /100-40903/ /157-NEW/

STUDENTS FOR A DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY /SDS/ IS - SDS
AFRO AMERICAN CULTURAL ORGANIZATION /AACO/, RM.

CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE WHO HAS FURNISHED INSUFFICIENT INFORMATION
TO DETERMINE RELIABILITY, BUT IN POSITION TO KNOW, ADVISED TODAY AAQOA
NORTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY /NIU/, DE KALB, ILL., HELD MEETING
MAY TWENTYTWO LAST. DECIDED AAQO PRESENTLY SATISFIED NIU ADMINISTRATION
COMPLYING WITH AAQO DEMANDS PREVIOUSLY SUBMITTED. AAQO HEADED
BY NOBLE HARRIS DECIDED TO POSTPONE PLAN CALLING FOR SEIZURE OF
ALTGELD AND LOWDEN HALLS NIU TODAY.

SOURCE ADVISED IDENTITY OF LOUIS /LNU/ OBSERVED DISTRIBUTING
LEAFLET MAY TWENTYTWO LAST WITH FIFTEEN NECESSARY UNIVERSITY CHANGES
WAS LEWIS S. EDELSON, NIU SOPHOMORE STUDENT /LEADER SDS NIU/.

EDELSON COMPOSED LIST OF FIFTEEN BASIC CHANGES TUESDAY NIGHT MAY
TWENTYONE LAST.

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Included in summary to White House

and Attorney General.

Date 5-24-68

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June 12, 1968

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[REDACTED] b7c
College Park Methodist Church
644 West Princeton
Orlando, Florida 32804

Dear Mr. Laite:

Your letter of June 8th, with enclosures, has been received and I appreciate the interest which prompted you to write.

In response to your inquiry, the statement which is attributed to me on page 40 of the "U.S. News & World Report" relating to the Students for a Democratic Society is taken from my message which appeared in the October, 1966, edition of the FBI Law Enforcement Bulletin. General

I am enclosing a copy of this message, together with other material which I hope will be of help to you.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

MAILED 3
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Enclosures (4)

An Analysis of the New Left: A Gospel of Nihilism
Turbulence on the campus
LEB Intros 10-66 and 2-67

NOTE: Bufiles contain no record identifiable with correspondent. His enclosures are copies of sermons of May 19th and May 26th.

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The "Come Unto Me" Window, pictured here, is based on the text, Matt. 11:28.

College Park Methodist Church

844 WEST ORLANDO, FLORIDA 32804

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JUNE 8, 1968

MR. J. EDGAR HOOVER
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C.

DEAR MR. HOOVER:

IN A RECENT MESSAGE TO MY PEOPLE I QUOTED THE STATEMENT THAT YOU MADE REGARDING THE ORGANIZATION KNOWN AS STUDENTS FOR A DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY. THIS STATEMENT WAS PRINTED IN THE U. S. NEWS AND WORLD REPORT, MAY 20, 1968 (PAGE 40). THEREIN, YOU LABELED THE S.D.S. AS A COMMUNIST SUPPORTED AND CONTROLLED ORGANIZATION.

AS A CITIZEN AND A MINISTER, I AM SERIOUSLY CONCERNED WITH THE SO-CALLED RED INFILTRATION IN SO MANY DIFFERENT AREAS OF OUR SOCIETY. I HAVE A FOREBODING THAT IF OUR PEOPLE ARE NOT ALERTED THE SAME THING COULD HAPPEN HERE THAT HAS HAPPENED IN SO MANY OTHER COUNTRIES.

I AM PLANNING A MESSAGE FOR SUNDAY, JUNE 30TH, WHICH IS INDEPENDENCE SUNDAY, THE TITLE OF WHICH IS "DEAD, OR RED, OR ALERT." I CANNOT USE ALL THE INFORMATION THAT I HAVE NOW AVAILABLE IN RELATIONSHIP TO THIS TOPIC, YET I WOULD APPRECIATE A VERIFICATION OF THE S.D.S. QUOTE AND ANY OTHER SIMILAR ITEMS THAT YOU MIGHT SUPPLY.

ENCL.

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CORRESPONDENCE



Return to H. Swanson
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A Group That Stirs Up Students

Behind much of the violence on U. S. college campuses today is a loosely organized group called Students for a Democratic Society.

• SDS claims a membership of 35,000 to 40,000, but is believed to have a hard-core strength of only about 6,000. It has between 250 and 300 chapters at colleges and universities.

SDS has been described as hating almost every aspect of American life, and is dedicated to a program of obstruction and disruption of all authority. It is specifically against:

- The "imperialist" war in Vietnam.
- The Selective Service System and anything else that supports the war, including recruiting for the armed services, the CIA, and the Dow Chemical Company, which makes napalm.
- The "hierarchy" that controls higher education in the United States.

SDS is described by FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover as "a militant youth group which receives support from the Communist Party and which in turn supports Communist objectives and tactics."

College campuses are only one of the fronts on which SDS operates.

"Guerrilla warfare." In a recent report, the House Committee on Un-American Activities said: "Key leaders of the SDS have given open support to guerrilla warfare in the U. S."

A leaflet prepared in Toronto, Canada, and reported to have been distributed to SDS chapters throughout the country contains instructions on how to make Molotov cocktails and incendiary time bombs.

Urging sabotage as "the next logical step toward obstruction and disruption of the U. S. war machine," the leaflet says that it is ludicrous to think that demonstrations closing down an induction center for a few hours will really hurt Selective Service.

"On the other hand," the leaflet says, "is there anyone who doubts that a small home-made incendiary device with a

timing mechanism planted in a broom closet at the Oakland induction center could result in fire and smoke damage to the entire building, thus making it unusable for weeks or months?"

"One person with a fair knowledge of chemistry could build such a device easily and cheaply and could plant it with almost no chance of being detected."

It was the SDS that organized a big

founded at a convention in Port Huron, Mich., in June, 1962.

Social studies show that most members are from upper-middle-class families, and that parents of many members were radicals in the 1930s.

Headquarters are in Chicago, where the organization is directed by a secretariat of three.

Carl George Davidson, a graduate of



In action at Columbia University, Students for a Democratic Society and supporters occupy the library. SDS leader Mark Rudd, at microphone, demanded more student power, complete amnesty for demonstrators.

march on Washington in April, 1965, to protest the Vietnam war.

SDS sponsored a demonstration against Vice President Humphrey at the University of Chicago last February 1, and was behind campus turmoil in many other parts of the country.

The group's biggest operation to date, according to some officials, was the riot at Columbia University late in April. SDS leaders are still in the forefront of agitation there.

Largest of the "New Left" groups that have sprung up in recent years, SDS was

Pennsylvania State University, is inter-organizational secretary. Robert Milton Pardun, a former student at the University of Texas, is internal-education secretary. The national secretary is Michael Spiegel, a Harvard dropout.

This summer, when school is out, SDS plans to step up its harassment of draft induction centers.

Law-enforcement officers, watching the SDS closely, also expect it to be fomenting trouble in urban ghettos and possibly at the national political conventions.

MAY A CHRISTIAN BLAMELESSLY BREAK THE LAW?
ROMANS 13:1-7

A SERMON PREACHED SUNDAY, MAY 19TH AT 11 AM IN
THE COLLEGE PARK METHODIST CHURCH BY THE REVEREND LUTHER V. LAITE.

YOU KNOW, SOMETIMES THE SCRIPTURE IS JUST TOO CLEAR, ISN'T IT?

AFTER HAVING SELECTED THE PASSAGE THAT I WANTED TO USE TO UNDERGIRD WHAT I HAD TO SAY TODAY I REALIZED THAT IN THE VERY OPENING SENTENCE I HAD GIVEN AWAY THE WHOLE GIST OF THE MESSAGE. PERHAPS YOU DON'T REALLY NEED ANY CLARIFICATION OF THIS SCRIPTURE - YOU PERHAPS DO NOT NEED ANY CLARIFICATION OF WHAT I AM GOING TO SAY IN THESE NEXT FEW MOMENTS, BUT PERSONALLY I FEEL THAT YOU DO NEED SOME CLARIFICATION AND I CERTAINLY NEED SOME MYSELF.

IN THE EVENT THAT YOU THINK I MIGHT RUN OUT OF SOMETHING TO SAY, THESE MINUTES OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE ARE MY SERMON NOTES FOR THIS MORNING. REALLY, THAT'S TRUE. THIS IS WHAT I'VE BEEN STUDYING IN PREPARATION, IN ADDITION TO THE BIBLE, FOR WHAT I MIGHT SAY HERE TODAY. THESE ARE THE MINUTES OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE THAT MET IN DALLAS, TEXAS JUST A FEW DAYS AGO. THE UNITING CONFERENCE AND THE FIRST GENERAL CONFERENCE OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH IN WHICH THEY MADE SOME VERY PROFOUND PRONOUNCEMENTS, SOME THAT DISTURBED A GREAT MANY OF US, SOME THAT ALARMED US AND SOME WITH WHICH WE WERE WHOLEHEARTEDLY IN ACCORD. AS USUAL SOME OF THE THINGS THAT WERE SAID AND DONE WERE MISINTERPRETED. SOME OF THEM WERE PICKED UP BY THE PRESS AND MAGNIFIED BEYOND THE ORIGINAL INTENT AND CERTAINLY BEYOND THE INTENT OF THE CONFERENCE, IF NOT OF THE INTENT OF THE COMMITTEE THAT PRESENTED IT. I DO NOT USUALLY TALK ABOUT THIS TYPE OF THING ON SUNDAY MORNING BUT I FELT THAT SOMEHOW IT MUST BE BROUGHT BEFORE THE PEOPLE. THE PEOPLE WHO CALL THEMSELVES METHODISTS; THE PEOPLE WHO ARE MEMBERS OF THIS PARTICULAR CHURCH AND THOSE WHO COMPRISE THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE NOW ELEVEN MILLION MEMBER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH.

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ON MAY 4TH IN THE ORLANDO SENTINEL THIS ITEM WAS PRESENTED WITH THIS STARTLING HEADLINE, METHODISTS OKAY THE RIGHT TO DISOBEY. I WAS ALARMED AT SUCH A STATEMENT. I IMMEDIATELY BEGAN SEARCHING THE NOTES OF THE CONFERENCE TO DETERMINE AS TO WHETHER OR NOT SUCH A THING WAS TRUE. SOME OF YOU READ IT AND GRUMBLED ABOUT IT. THAT WAS THE EXTENT OF IT, AND AT FIRST I THINK THIS WAS THE EXTENT OF MY REACTION. I FELT THAT THIS WAS NOT REALLY TRUE, IT DID NOT BIND ME AS A CHRISTIAN; IT DID NOT BIND ME AS A METHODIST; AND REALLY IT DID NOT MEAN WHAT THE NEWSPAPER INTIMATED THAT IT DID. BUT THEN ONE DAY I NOTICED THAT ONE OF THE FAMILIES OF THIS PARTICULAR CHURCH, THE COLLEGE PARK METHODIST CHURCH, HAD BEEN ABSENT FROM SERVICES FOR A NUMBER OF SUNDAYS, ONE OR TWO AT LEAST, AND SINCE THEY WERE THE TYPE OF PEOPLE WHO DID NOT USUALLY ABSENT THEMSELVES FROM SERVICES, DESPITE SOME PHYSICAL INCAPACITY, THEY MANAGED TO FIND THEIR WAY TO CHURCH ALMOST EVERY SUNDAY. HAVING MISSED THEM FOR A COUPLE OF SUNDAYS I DECIDED TO GO BY AND SEE IF PERHAPS THEY MIGHT BE SICK. SO I WENT BY THE HOME, AND IN THE VISIT THE MAN OF THE HOUSE PRESENTED THIS CLIPPING FROM THE PAPER TO ME, AND WITH HIS POOR ABILITY TO SPEAK, HE IS SO AFFLICTED THAT HE FINDS IT DIFFICULT TO SPEAK AUDIBLY TO STRANGERS AND I AM A STRANGER TO HIM (I'M SORRY THAT I AM BUT I AM SOMEWHAT A STRANGER TO HIM) HE MADE IT CLEAR TO ME THAT THIS WAS A MATTER OF GREAT CONCERN TO HIM AS A MEMBER OF THE METHODIST CHURCH, THAT HIS CHURCH SHOULD APPROVE THE RIGHT TO BREAK THE LAW. I DISCUSSED IT WITH HIM FOR A FEW MOMENTS AND TRIED TO EXPLAIN TO HIM THAT IT WASN'T EXACTLY AS BAD AS IT LOOKED. WE HAD PRAYER TOGETHER AND I LEFT THAT HOUSE. I WAS NOT IMMEDIATELY ANY MORE ALARMED THAN I HAD BEEN BEFORE I WENT INTO THAT HOME, BUT IT STRUCK ME, AS HOURS WENT INTO A DAY, AND AS DAYS WENT INTO A WEEK, THAT HERE WAS A VOICE THAT COULD NOT BE HEARD, THAT HERE WAS A MEMBER, ONE OF THE ELEVEN MILLION MEMBERS OF THE METHODIST CHURCH, WHO FELT VIOLENTLY, NOT NECESSARILY EMOTIONALLY, BUT REASONABLY ABOUT A MATTER THAT HE FELT AFFECTED HIM AND HIS CHURCH. HE SAID TO ME, "HOW CAN I DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT? I HAVE NO VOICE." I DECLARED TO MYSELF THEN AND THERE THAT THIS VOICE OF METHODISM WOULD NOT BE SILENT; THAT IF GOD GAVE ME BREATH I WOULD GIVE THAT INAUDIBLE VOICE AUDIBILITY. I WOULD GIVE IT A SOUND THAT

WOULD BE HEARD AT LEAST WITHIN THE SANCTUARY OF HIS OWN CHURCH, AND, IF BY THE GRACE OF GOD, HE MIGHT SMILE ON THIS EFFORT IT WOULD FIND ITS WAY TO THE LEGISLATIVE CORRIDORS AND HALLS OF OUR UNITED METHODIST CHURCH.

THE WHOLE THING WAS REGARDING THE ENACTMENT OF A REPORT OF THE CHRISTIAN SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH. I PERSONALLY THRILLED WHEN I READ THE REPORT. IT'S TWO AND A HALF PAGES LONG AND THEY DO VERY WELL UNTIL THEY GET TO THIS PART WHERE THEY SAY, "THAT A PERSON MAY DISOBEY THE LAW IF HE IS WILLING TO TAKE THE CONSEQUENCES." THAT'S WHAT IT SAYS IN PART AND I QUOTE, "WE AFFIRM THAT RIGHT OF NONVIOLENT CIVIL DISOBEDIENCE IN EXTREME CASES AS A VIABLE OPTION IN A DEMOCRACY AND AS A SOMETIME REQUIREMENT FOR CHRISTIANS WHO ARE TO HAVE NO OTHER GOD THAN THE GOD OF JESUS CHRIST. BY CIVIL DISOBEDIENCE WE MEAN THE DELIBERATE AND NONVIOLENT DISOBEYING OF A LAW BELIEVED TO BE UNJUST OR UNCONSTITUTIONAL AND THE WILLINGNESS TO ACCEPT PENALTIES FOR THAT VIOLATION."

AS A CHRISTIAN I REPUDIATE ANY SUCH IDEA. AS A METHODIST MINISTER I WILL DO EVERYTHING IN MY POWER TO STRIKE IT FROM THE RECORDS. AT THIS MOMENT I AM NOT TOO SURE THAT IT HAS BEEN PASSED. I READ THIS BOOK UNTIL MIDNIGHT LAST NIGHT AND THE LAST REFERENCE THAT I HAD TO REPORT #17 WAS THAT IT WAS REFERRED TO THE JUDICIAL COUNCIL FOR RULING AS TO WHETHER OR NOT IT WAS CONSTITUTIONAL. I HOPE THAT THIS IS TRUE, BUT WHETHER OR NOT, I SHALL DEVOTE MY ENTIRE ENERGY, EVERY ENERGY I HAVE TO REMOVING THIS WRONG AND ANY OTHER WRONG THAT I THINK MY CHURCH HAS DONE. I URGE YOU TO DO THE SAME. I WILL PROVIDE A WAY FOR YOU TO DO IT.

WHERE DO I STAND WHEN I SAY THAT THIS IS WRONG? ON WHAT DO I BASE MY STATEMENT THAT THIS IS WRONG OTHERWISE THAN A LOVE FOR MY COUNTRY AND A RESPECT FOR THE LAW WHICH HAS BEEN TAUGHT TO ME ALL OF MY LIFE?

TO BEGIN WITH BISHOP LLOYD WILKE, IN THE OPENING ADDRESS TO THE UNITING CONFERENCE, MADE THIS STATEMENT: "WE ARE PEOPLE OF THE BOOK, THE BIBLE, AND THIS WE HAVE EVER SEEN." THERE ARE NO LAWS OR RULES IN THE METHODIST CHURCH THAT ARE BINDING UPON ITS MEMBERSHIP EXCEPT THOSE THAT ARE BIBLICAL IN ORIGIN, AND I FIND NO BIBLICAL ORIGIN IN THIS. MY CHRIST DOES NOT DEMAND THAT I DISOBEY LAW, OR THAT I ENGAGE IN

SIT-DOWNS; OR HUNGER STRIKES, OR ANYTHING OF THAT NATURE TO CHANGE THE LAWS OF THE LAND.

BISHOP NOLAN B. HARMON IN HIS BOOK, "UNDERSTANDING THE METHODIST CHURCH", SAYS ON PAGE 25 THAT, "THE METHODIST CHURCH STANDS SQUARELY ON THE BIBLE", AND ON PAGE 37 HE SAYS, "IF IT IS NOT IN THE BIBLE IT DOES NOT HAVE TO BE BELIEVED." THIS IS ONE OF THE REASONS I AM A METHODIST PREACHER, BECAUSE IT IS A BIBLE CHURCH. IT IS A CHURCH WHOSE FAITH AND BELIEF ARE FOUNDED ON THE BIBLE. WHEN WE BECAME MEMBERS OF THIS CHURCH WE DID NOT ACCEPT THE ARTICLES OF RELIGION OF THE METHODIST CHURCH. WE ACCEPTED THE CHRISTIAN FAITH AS IT IS CONTAINED IN THE NEW TESTAMENT AND THE OLD TESTAMENT. WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY ABOUT CIVIL DISOBEDIENCE, OR BREAKING THE LAW? OUR TEXT SAYS THAT EVERYONE MUST OBEY THE LAW. THERE IS NO DOUBT ABOUT THAT. I SAID THAT IT DID NOT NEED ANY CLARIFICATION. IT SAID THAT EVERYONE MUST OBEY THE STATE AUTHORITY. I'LL AGREE WITH YOU THAT THERE IS SOME DOUBT IN MY MIND, AND I KNOW THERE MUST BE IN YOURS, THAT ALL STATE AUTHORITIES ARE OF GOD. THEY ARE KIND OF LIKE MOSQUITOES, I SOMETIMES WONDER WHY GOD CREATED A MOSQUITO. AS TO OUR STATE AUTHORITIES, I OFTEN WONDER WHAT CLAIM SOME OF THEM HAVE TO ANY DIVINE RIGHT. BUT THEY ARE OUR ELECTED LEADERS. IF THEY ARE WRONGLY ELECTED THEN WE ELECTED THEM WRONGLY, EITHER BY OUR COMPLACENCY OR BY OUR BALLOT, ONE OR THE OTHER. I WOULDN'T GO SO FAR AS TO SAY THAT THE MAJORITY COULD BE WRONG, BUT SOMETIMES I'LL AGREE WITH GOV. KIRK TO THIS EXTENT, SOMETIMES THE MAJORITY MAY LEAD US IN THE WRONG DIRECTION. OUR TEXT SAYS THAT EVERYONE MUST OBEY. THERE'S NO DOUBT THERE. JESUS SAID THE SAME THING WHEN HE SAID, "RENDER UNTO CAESAR THE THINGS THAT ARE CAESAR'S AND UNTO GOD THE THINGS THAT ARE GOD'S." OH, I KNOW HE WAS TALKING ABOUT TAXES, HE WAS LOOKING AT A COIN ON WHICH WAS THE INSCRIPTION OF CAESAR, BUT IT CAN BE SAID THAT HE WAS TALKING ABOUT OTHER THINGS. FIND A PLACE IN THE NEW TESTAMENT WHEN JESUS LED THE FOLLOWERS IN A DISPUTE AGAINST ROMAN LAW, AGAINST ROMAN AUTHORITY. WHEN DID HE EVER SAY, "COME AND FOLLOW ME WHILE WE MAKE CAESAR CHANGE HIS LAW?" YOU CANNOT FIND IT IN THIS BOOK, YOU CANNOT FIND IT IN THE HOLY BIBLE ANYWHERE. I FIND NO PLACE IN THE BIBLE THAT GIVES A CHRISTIAN THE RIGHT TO DO ANYTHING THAT IS WRONG. IT DOESN'T MAKE ANY DIFFERENCE WHAT IT IS.

A LAW MAY BE BAD, THIS I'LL ADMIT, BUT THIS DOES NOT GIVE US THE RIGHT TO BREAK IT. IF YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO BREAK ONE LAW, THEN YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO BREAK THEM ALL. THIS IS TO NEGATE ALL LAW AND ORDER, AND THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH CANNOT PUT HERSELF IN THIS POSITION. THE METHODIST CHURCH CANNOT ADVOCATE ANY SUCH THING. I FIND NO PLACE WHERE WE WOULD HAVE THE RIGHT TO BREAK THE LAW. ONE OF MY FRIENDS TOLD ME FRIDAY OR SATURDAY, I'M NOT SURE WHICH, THAT THERE ARE OCCASIONS WHEN WE MUST BREAK THE LAW. ADMITTEDLY, THIS MIGHT BE SO, BUT THAT DOES NOT GIVE US THE RIGHT TO DO IT. I WAS CAUGHT FOR SPEEDING THE OTHER NIGHT. I WAS ON MY WAY FROM A WEDDING TO MAKE A DEATH CALL, AN EMERGENCY CALL. THE TRAFFIC OFFICER KNEW WHO AND WHAT I WAS, HE SAW MY ROBE HANGING OVER THE BACK OF THE SEAT WITH THE STOLE ON IT. WHEN I REPORTED TO THE JUDGE HE SAID, "DIDN'T YOU TELL THE OFFICER THE CIRCUMSTANCES, PREACHER?" I SAID, "NO, ALL I SAID WAS 'IF YOU ARE GOING TO GIVE ME A TICKET DO IT IN A HURRY BECAUSE I'M IN A HURRY'"--AND I PAID MY \$15.00. I'VE NEVER FIXED A TRAFFIC TICKET IN MY LIFE. I'VE HAD JUDGES, LAWYERS, CHIEF OF POLICE AND WHAT-NOT AS MEMBERS OF MY CHURCH, AND I HAVE NEVER ASKED THEM TO FIX A TICKET. AS A CHRISTIAN AND AS A MINISTER IT'S MY BUSINESS TO OBSERVE THE LAW OF THE LAND THAT I MIGHT BE AN EXAMPLE TO SOMEONE WHO DOES NOT KNOW THE LAW OF THE LAND. IT'S TIME WE WOKE UP TO THAT. WE'VE NAMBIE-PAMBIED AROUND ABOUT THE RULES OF JESUS LONG ENOUGH. THEY'RE PERFECT LAWS AND WE MUST OBSERVE THEM, AND IF THE LAWS OF OUR LAND ARE BAD THEN WE MUST CHANGE THEM, BUT UNTIL THEY ARE CHANGED WE ARE BOUND BY THEM, AND WE CANNOT, IN GOOD CHRISTIAN CONSCIENCE, BREAK THEM. IF WE CAN, THEN YOU'D BETTER GO HOME AND GET YOUR SHOT GUN OUT AND PROTECT YOUR HOUSE AND ALL THAT YOU HAVE, FOR THERE WILL SOON BE NOTHING LEFT.

RAY REISTER, THE COMMENTATOR ON WFTV CHANNEL 9, SAID THIS THE OTHER NIGHT IN AN EDITORIAL, "WE HAVE ENOUGH LAWS ON THE BOOKS TO MEET ALMOST ALL PAST AND PRESENT REQUIREMENTS; WHAT WE NEED ARE NOT MORE LAWS BUT A SINGLE STANDARD. AMERICANS MUST RE-LEARN THE LESSON THAT LAWS MUST BE ADMINISTERED AND ENFORCED IMPARTIALLY REGARDLESS OF RACE, COLOR, CREED, POSITION, WEALTH, OR TRADITION. VIOLENCE, DESTRUCTION, AND MURDER ARE IMMORAL AND ILLEGAL REGARDLESS OF WHO PERFORMS THE ACT."

CHRIST DOES NOT GIVE YOU THE RIGHT TO BREAK A LAW. WE ARE BOUND, BECAUSE WE ARE CHRISTIANS, TO OBEY THE LAW. WHEN WE DO OTHERWISE THAN OBEY THE LAW THAT IS THE LAW OF THE LAND, WE PLAY INTO THE HANDS OF THE ENEMIES OF CHRIST, OF THE CHURCH, AND OF THE NATION. NOT ONLY ARE WE BOUND TO OBEY THE LAW, BUT WE ARE BOUND TO EXERT OUR INFLUENCE TO CORRECT ANY UNJUST LAWS, BUT TO DO IT THROUGH DUE PROCESS OR DEMOCRATIC PROCESS; THAT IS, THROUGH THE COURTS OR THROUGH THE LEGISLATURE. THIS IS WHAT WE MUST DO, AND UNTIL IT IS REMOVED FROM THE LAW, UNTIL IT IS AMENDED OR CORRECTED, IT BINDS US. WE MUST OBEY THE LAW.

I AM CONCERNED ABOUT A LOT OF THINGS TODAY. THERE IS NOT ENOUGH TIME TO COVER EVERYTHING, BUT YOU KNOW, THIS RECENT BUSINESS IN TALLAHASSEE BOTHERED ME NOT A LITTLE BIT. THE LAWS OF JESUS APPLY HERE TOO. YOU DO NOT FIND THAT TYPE OF OBSCENITIES IN THE TEACHINGS OF JESUS. SOMEBODY IN DEFENSE OF WHAT HAPPENED, THIS YOUNG MRS. ACKERS, SOMEONE DEFENDING HER, SAID THAT YOU COULD FIND FOUR LETTER WORDS IN THE NEW TESTAMENT; AND YOU CAN, BUT YOU DON'T FIND THE TYPE OF OBSCENITY THAT WAS LISTED HERE AND THAT DR. CHAMPION THREW OUT. I DON'T BLAME HIM FOR RESTRICTING IT, AND I AM VERY PLEASED AT THE RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE HERE IN CENTRAL FLORIDA.

DO YOU KNOW WHAT REALLY CONCERNS ME ABOUT THIS UPRISING OR DISTURBANCE IN TALLAHASSEE, AND IN COLUMBIA, AND IN BERKELEY, AND IN MIAMI, AND IN OTHER PLACES? I TELL YOU WHAT DISTURBS ME ABOUT IT; IT IS ALL INSTIGATED OR STIRRED UP BY A GROUP KNOWN AS STUDENTS FOR A DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY. I'M NOT SURE ABOUT TALLAHASSEE, BUT I SUSPECT I WOULD FIND IT TO BE TRUE IF I WERE A PRIVATE DETECTIVE AND COULD INVESTIGATE.

MR. J. EDGAR HOOVER, ONE OF THE BEST INVESTIGATIVE MEN I KNOW IN THE WORLD TODAY, SAYS THIS OF STUDENTS FOR A DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY, "IT IS A MILITANT YOUTH GROUP WHICH RECEIVES SUPPORT FROM THE COMMUNIST PARTY AND WHICH IN TURN SUPPORTS COMMUNIST OBJECTIVES AND TACTICS."

BEGINNING WITH THE FIRST OF MAY AND THROUGH THE TENTH OR ELEVENTH, THEREABOUTS, FROM BERKELEY TO COLUMBIA THIS SAME GROUP LED SIT-INS AND RIOTS AND DEMONSTRATIONS AND VIRTUALLY TOOK OVER THE ADMINISTRATION OF COLUMBIA AND MANY OTHER OF OUR FAMOUS UNIVERSITIES, AND NEGATED EVERYTHING THAT WE HAVE TAUGHT ABOUT RIGHT AND LAW.

I THINK IT IS TIME WE DID SOMETHING ABOUT IT. THEIR AIM IS TO TAKE OVER YOUR HIGH SCHOOLS, THEIR AIM IS TO TAKE OVER YOUR COLLEGES, THEIR AIM IS TO TAKE OVER YOUR GOVERNMENT, THEIR AIM IS TO TAKE OVER YOUR CHURCHES. I CAN'T PROVE IT BUT IT IS THERE, AND UNDER GOD IT CANNOT HAPPEN, UNLESS YOU SLEEP. IT IS TIME WE REALIZED THAT THE TEACHINGS OF JESUS ARE APPLICABLE TO ALL OF LIFE. DR. CHAMPION SAID THAT IT WILL NOT HAPPEN IN THE SCHOOL OF WHICH HE IS THE PRESIDENT AND HE TOOK HIS STAND. LET'S WAKE UP!

WHAT DO WE DO ABOUT A BAD LAW IN THE CHURCH OR A BAD RULING? WE REJECT IT THE SAME AS WE DO IN THE GOVERNMENT; WE CHANGE IT, WE GO THROUGH THE PROPER CHANNELS. HOW DOES THIS HAPPEN? SIMPLE--WE ARE THE CHURCH. IF THERE IS A METHODIST CHURCH, A UNITED METHODIST CHURCH WE ARE THAT CHURCH, ASSEMBLED HERE THIS MORNING FOR WORSHIP. LET'S GET THE RIGHT INTERPRETATION OF THE CHURCH. IT'S NOT THE Hierarchy, IT'S NOT THE BISHOPS, IT'S NOT THE DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENTS, THEY COMPRISE THE SAME PART OF IT THAT YOU DO AND I DO. THEY ARE A PART OF THE WHOLE, THE CHURCH. THEY OBTAIN THEIR INSTRUCTION FROM DELEGATES THAT WE SEND TO VARIOUS CONFERENCES AND THEY ARE CHARGED WITH ADMINISTERING THE RULES AND REGULATIONS AS LAID DOWN BY THE GENERAL CONFERENCE, WHICH IS COMPRISED OF PEOPLE LIKE YOU AND LIKE ME. THEY GET THEIR DIRECTIONS FROM US. IF A LAW IS BAD, IF A RULING IS BAD, THEN WE MUST CHANGE IT.

IF ENOUGH OF US VOTE TO CHANGE IT AND SEND IT BACK TO THE GENERAL CONFERENCE THEY MUST REScind IT. THIS IS HOW ALL OF OUR RULES AND DISCIPLINARY REQUIREMENTS AND LAWS ARE ENACTED. IT DOESN'T DO ANY GOOD TO SIT AROUND AND FUSS ABOUT IT. DON'T JUST GOSSIP ABOUT IT. DO WHAT YOU CAN TO CORRECT IT. GET INTERESTED AND GET INVOLVED. CHANGE THAT TO WHICH YOU OBJECT OR AT LEAST TRY TO DO IT. DON'T LET WRONG THINKING CHANGE YOUR CHURCH. DON'T BE COWARDLY ABOUT IT AND GET OUT OF THE CHURCH AND SAY, "OH WELL, I'M NOT GOING TO HAVE ANYTHING TO DO WITH IT." THIS IS THE COWARD'S WAY, THIS IS TO TURN THE CHURCH OVER TO THOSE WHO WOULD MAKE SOMETHING OUT OF IT OTHER THAN THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST. YOU MUST CHANGE THESE THINGS, IN THE GOVERNMENT AND IN THE CHURCH. OH, THERE'S MORE I WANT TO SAY. EVERYTHING THAT I'VE SAID SO FAR IS INTRODUCTORY TO THESE TWO STATEMENTS SO HEAR THEM CAREFULLY:

THE FINAL VOICE, AUTHORITY FOR THE NATION IS THE LAW. ANY OTHER IS ANARCHY.
THE FINAL VOICE & AUTHORITY OF THE CHURCH IS THE BIBLE AND ITS PERSONIFICATION,
THE WORD MADE FLESH, JESUS CHRIST. ANY OTHER IS HUMANISM, AND I REJECT IT!

HOW DO YOU GO ABOUT CHANGING THE LAW?

THE METHOD OF CHANGE IN THE METHODIST CHURCH IS TO PRESENT TO THE GENERAL
CONFERENCE A PETITION REQUESTING THAT CHANGE.

THE WORDING OF THE PETITION BEFORE US IS:

TO The Special Session of
THE GENERAL CONFERENCE
of the
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Gentlemen:

We, the undersigned members of
the College Park United Methodist
Church of Orlando, Fla.
respectively petition the conference
to delete section three
from Report No. 17 of the Committee
on Christian Social
Concerns.

We do not recognize anyone's
right to break any law at any
time.

Signed _____

Signed _____

Signed _____

IF YOU AGREE AND DESIRE TO SIGN THE PETITION, PLEASE DO SO AND THEN BRING IT
DOWN TO THE FRONT AND PLACE IT ON THE ALTAR.

THIS LAND IS MY LAND, TOO.

A SERMON PREACHED SUNDAY, MAY 26TH AT 11 AM IN THE
COLLEGE PARK METHODIST CHURCH BY THE REVEREND LUTHER V. LAITE
PSALM 8 MATTHEW 22:15-22

IF I MAKE A LITTLE NOISE THIS MORNING I HOPE YOU'LL FORGIVE ME. THERE ARE SOME THINGS IN LIFE THAT I FIND IT DIFFICULT TO SPEAK QUIETLY ABOUT, OR TO STILL THE BEAT OF MY HEART.

THOUGH I HAVE BEEN MARRIED FOR MORE THAN 36 YEARS I STILL THRILL TO THE LOVE OF MY FIRST AND ONLY WIFE. THO' I WAS BORN IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA I DO NOT KNOW HOW TO TALK ABOUT THIS WONDERFUL LAND OF OURS QUIETLY. I WAS BORN IN A METHODIST PARSONAGE YET I FIND IT DIFFICULT TO SPEAK QUIETLY ABOUT THE BASIC FUNDAMENTALS OF OUR FAITH. SO I COME TO YOU THIS MORNING WITH NO APOLOGY. FOR I FEEL THAT I MUST EXHORT YOU.

DID YOU READ YOUR MORNING PAPER? "FRANCE SUSPENDS THE RIGHT OF PUBLIC ASSEMBLY." THERE, BUT FOR THE GRACE OF GOD, AND FOR THE RESPECT OF LAW, IT MIGHT READ, "THE UNITED STATES SUSPENDS THE RIGHT OF PUBLIC ASSEMBLY," WE ARE HEADED THAT WAY.

WE'RE LIVING IN STRANGE TIMES:

SOCIAL CHANGE. SOME CALL IT REVOLUTION. SOME CALL IT AN ATTEMPT ON THE PART OF THE RACES TO ACHIEVE EQUALITY. MANY WOULD SAY THAT IT IS VIRTUAL CIVIL WAR.

THE STRANGENESS OF THESE TIMES ARE EVIDENCED BY A GREAT MANY THINGS; BY STUDENT RIOTS AND MISDIRECTION - IT DOESN'T MATTER WHERE YOU LOOK - IN YOUR NEWSPAPER - "PARIS BURNS DESPITE PLEAS FROM DEGAULLE" - INCITED BY A STUDENT GROUP, A MISGUIDED GROUP THAT WAS SUBSEQUENTLY TAKEN OVER BY COMMUNISTS AND DIVERTED FOR THEIR PURPOSE. IN BERKELEY, IN COLUMBIA, THE SAME THING IS HAPPENING. YOU NEED ONLY TO READ THE HEADLINES OF THE PAPER TO DISCOVER THAT THESE ARE STRANGE TIMES IN

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WHICH WE LIVE. MIS-DIRECTED STUDENTS STRUGGLING TO FIND THEIR OWN INDIVIDUALITY AND EXPRESSIONS OF THEIR OWN BEINGS, LENDING THEMSELVES TO THAT POWER WHICH WILL DESTROY THE VERY NATION THAT BIRTHED THEM.

RACIAL RIOTS AND UNDUE PRESSURES CHARACTERIZE THE TIME IN WHICH WE LIVE. BLUE DENIM IN CADILLACS.

REV. MR. ABERNATHY, HEAD OF THE SOUTHERN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE, ARRIVED AT RESURRECTION CITY IN A GRAY CADILLAC SEDAN, AND HE SAID, "RESURRECTION CITY IS HERE TO STAY. WE AIN'T GOING TO LET NOBODY OR NOTHING TURN US AROUND." BLUE DENIM AND BAD ENGLISH DO NOT MAKE POOR PEOPLE. NOT WHEN IT'S APPARENT CAMOUFLAGE. I SAY, THESE ARE STRANGE TIMES IN WHICH WE LIVE—WHEN A RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATION CAN USE BLACKMAIL. RESURRECTION CITY IS NOTHING ELSE BUT BLACKMAIL SEEKING TO GET THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES TO GIVE THEM EQUALITY.

WE HAVE WITNESSED THE STRIPPING AWAY OF MAJORITY RIGHTS AND THE GRANTING OF THE MINORITIES NEARLY EVERY WISH. WE CAN NO LONGER PRAY IN PUBLIC EXCEPT IN THE PRIVACY OF OUR OWN HOMES OR THE SANCTUARIES OF OUR CHURCHES. THIS IS THE ONLY PLACE WE DARE TO READ THE BIBLE OR TO PRAY. OUR RIGHTS — STRIPPED AWAY FROM US BY A MINORITY GROUP, BY THEIR INTERPRETATION OF THE CONSTITUTION, BY THE SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES.

THE CONSTITUTION THAT I HOLD IN MY HAND GUARANTEES THE FREE EXERCISE OF RELIGION. IT SAYS THAT CONGRESS SHALL MAKE NO LAW, (AND THE SUPREME COURT SHALL NOT RESTRICT) THE FREE EXERCISE OF RELIGION. THAT'S WHAT THE CONSTITUTION SAYS. I GO ALONG WITH SOMEBODY IN THIS ARTICLE THAT ADVOCATES THAT PERHAPS WE MIGHT NEED TO CHANGE SOME OF OUR SUPREME COURT MEMBERS, AND WE MIGHT HAVE TO LIMIT THE TENURE OF OFFICE. I DON'T KNOW WHY A MAN SHOULD BE A SUPREME COURT JUDGE FOREVER ANYMORE THAN WHY ONE SHOULD BE A BISHOP FOREVER. JUST BECAUSE HE IS ELECTED OR BECAUSE HE IS APPOINTED HE MUST STAY IN THERE FOREVER. IF HE GOES WRONG, THEN LETS TAKE HIM OUT. SOMEWHERE WE'VE GOT TO HAVE SOME DIRECTION.

MY CONSTITUTION SAYS, "CONGRESS SHALL MAKE NO LAW PROHIBITING..." I SUGGEST TO YOU THAT THEY HAVE PROHIBITED.

CHANGE IS DEMANDED, AND IF IT IS NOT IMMEDIATE THEN ANARCHY IS THREATENED!
I'LL BE THE FIRST TO AGREE, CHANGE IS NEEDED AND CHANGE IS GOING TO HAPPEN FOR THAT
IS THE ONLY CONSTANT IN THIS WORLD - CHANGE.

THE ONLY THING THAT YOU CAN DEPEND ON IS THAT ONE MINUTE FROM NOW YOU'LL NOT
BE THE SAME AS YOU WERE A MOMENT AGO. TOMORROW WILL NOT BE LIKE TODAY ANY MORE THAN
TODAY IS LIKE YESTERDAY.

CHANGE IS CONSTANT! YOU CAN REST ASSURED YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE CHANGE. THE
ONLY QUESTION IS, WHAT DIRECTION THE CHANGE IS GOING TO TAKE. YOU MAY DIRECT IT.

I CALL TO YOUR ATTENTION THE SERMON TITLE, "THIS LAND IS MY LAND, TOO."

IT DOESN'T MAKE ANY DIFFERENCE WHAT MY COLOR IS. COLOR ME WHITE, OR YELLOW, OR
BLACK. THIS LAND IS MY LAND, TOO, AND I AM A PART OF THE MAJORITY IN THIS LAND.
JOHN GARDNER, IN THE JUNE ISSUE OF THE READER'S DIGEST, SAID, IN HIS ARTICLE
"PLAIN TALK ABOUT HATRED AND VIOLENCE," "THE MAJORITY OF EVERY RACE WANTS A CON-
STRUCTIVE SOLUTION." WHAT'S THE ANSWER, THEN? THE ANSWER IS TO BESTIR OURSELVES.
FOR THE SILENT MAJORITY TO FIND ITS VOICE AND TO TAKE A STAND. IN THE LIGHT OF WHAT
I HAVE READ TO YOU FROM THE PAPERS THIS MORNING LET ME SAY THIS IN ALL EARNESTNESS.
YOU MAY DOUBT MY RIGHT TO SAY THIS THIS MORNING, BUT I'M GOING TO SAY IT AND I'M
GOING TO KEEP ON SAYING IT. YOU MAY THINK I'M MEDDLING, BUT LET ME SAY TO ALL MY
PREACHER FRIENDS, WHEREVER THEY MAY BE, GET BACK TO YOUR PULPITS AND START PREACHING
THE UNGARNISHED GOSPEL OF JESUS CHRIST AND THE LOVE OF GOD. TEACH PEOPLE THAT SIN
AND WRONG WILL DESTROY A NATION, THAT ONLY RIGHTEOUSNESS WILL EXALT A NATION. THAT
WRONG IS WRONG NO MATTER WHAT COLOR YOU PAINT IT. PREACHERS, GET BACK TO YOUR PUL-
PITS BEFORE YOU DON'T HAVE A PULPIT.

POOR PEOPLE, PUT DOWN YOUR CLUBS AND GO HOME, BECAUSE WE DO LOVE YOU, WE DO
WANT TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT YOUR HUNGER AND YOUR SORROW AND YOUR SUFFERING, YOUR
UNDERPRIVILEGED CHILDREN AND YOUR LACK OF OPPORTUNITY. WE'RE TRYING TO DO IT--UNDER
GOD! GO HOME, BECAUSE BLACKMAIL WILL BRING NOTHING BUT SORROW AND BLOODSHED.

PARENTS, TALK TO YOUR YOUNG PEOPLE. THEY'RE HOME NOW FROM COLLEGE, TALK TO
THEM. TELL THEM THE TRUTH ABOUT THIS DEMOCRACY OF OURS. THAT IT ISN'T ALL RECEIVE,

THAT WE SOMEHOW HAVE TO GET INVOLVED IN THESE THINGS. THAT SOMEHOW WE'VE GOT TO BE A PART OF THIS CONTINUALLY BIRTHING PROCESS OF THIS NATION OF OURS. TALK TO YOUR YOUNG PEOPLE! TELL THEM WHAT FREEDOM IS ALL ABOUT. "SEND THEM BACK TO THEIR COLLEGES UNDERSTANDING A LITTLE BIT ABOUT DEMOCRACY, BECAUSE THEY LEARNED IT AT HOME." THEY'VE SEEN YOU PRACTICE IT.

STUDENTS, GO BACK TO YOUR COLLEGES AND EXPOSE THE "STUDENTS FOR A DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY" FOR WHAT THEY ARE, A RED CONTROLLED ORGANIZATION! MOST OF OUR STUDENTS, IF THEY KNEW, WOULD NOT BE INVOLVED IN IT. GO BACK TO YOUR COLLEGES AND TAKE OFF THE WRAPS! UNMASK THE VILLIAN, REVEAL HIM FOR THE COMMUNIST AGENT THAT HE IS!

THE PAPER I READ A MOMENT AGO, THE HEADLINE, DID YOU SEE THE ARTICLE AT THE TOP OF THE PAGE? "STUDENT REBEL GROUP AIMS FOR U. S. INDUSTRY TAKEOVER." THIS ARTICLE WAS WRITTEN BY ROBERT HESNER, A YOUNG INSTRUCTOR IN COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY'S GRADUATE SCHOOL OF BUSINESS, AND A CANDIDATE FOR A DOCTORATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY.

A LARGER THAN LIFE PORTRAIT OF KARL MARK DOMINATED THE ENTRANCE OF CLASSROOM BUILDINGS, A RED FLAG FLEW FROM ITS ROOFTOP, CHAINS BARRED THE DOORS OF OTHER BUILDINGS, AND CHANTING MOB ROAMED ACROSS THE CAMPUS. THAT ISN'T PARIS, THAT'S COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY I'M TALKING ABOUT. THE STUDENTS OF A DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY, A SPOILED LITTLE GROUP OF YOUNG PEOPLE IN OUR COLLEGES WINNING THE AFFECTIONS OF OTHERS AND COMMANDING THE FOLLOWING OF THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE, THREATENING TO DESTROY THE VERY DEMOCRACY THAT IS OURS, BOUGHT WITH THE BLOOD OF MARTYRS.

THIS LAND IS MY LAND, TOO!

I DEMAND THE RIGHT TO CALL YOU TO WAKE UP.

OH YES, THERE'S GOT TO BE A CHANGE.

THERE'S GOT TO BE A CHANGE BACK TOWARD RESPECT. RESPECT FOR LAW AND ORDER. THERE HAS TO BE THE EXERCISE OF PROPER AUTHORITY. IF IT HAD BEEN DONE IN MANY INSTANCES, THESE RIOTS WOULD NOT HAVE HAPPENED.

I'M SORRY THAT THIS ISN'T A PURE SOCIETY WHERE WE DO NOT NEED LAW AND ORDER, BUT AS LONG AS MORE THAN HALF OF US ARE UNCONTROLLED BY THE LAW OF GOD WE MUST HAVE LAWS OF MAN TO PROTECT US AGAINST EACH OTHER AND FROM OURSELVES. THERE MUST BE A

CHANGE TOWARD THE PROPER EXERCISE OF AUTHORITY, AWAY FROM BLACKMAIL, RIOT AND DESTRUCTION.

YOUR PRESIDENT SAID IT YESTERDAY, AND IT'S PROFOUNDLY TRUE, AND I URGE YOU TO TELL YOUR STUDENTS THIS AND TO SHOUT IT FROM THE ROOF TOPS, "YOU CAN'T BUILD A UTOPIA ON ASHES."

"BURN IT DOWN," THEY SAY. "IF YOU DON'T GIVE US WHAT WE WANT WE'LL BURN IT DOWN." YOU CAN'T BUILD A UTOPIA ON ASHES. IF WE DON'T CHANGE SOON, ALL WE WILL HAVE WILL BE ASHES.

YOU KNOW WHAT I SAID AS I READ THIS HEADLINE THIS MORNING? "GOD FORBID!" IT COULD HAPPEN HERE.

I GUESS I'M SQUARE, MAYBE JUST PLAIN OLD FASHIONED, BUT I GET ALL EXCITED WHEN I TALK ABOUT THE FLAG. MAYBE IT'S BECAUSE I KNOW THAT BLOOD MADE THOSE RED STRIPES. I HAVE SOME FEELING OF RESPECT AND LOVE AND REGARD FOR THOSE WHO GAVE THEIR BLOOD TO MAKE THIS LAND FREE, I STILL THRILL WHEN I TALK ABOUT THE FLAG. MY BLOOD RUNS A LITTLE FASTER THROUGH MY VEINS WHEN I TALK ABOUT MY NATION, AND SOMETIMES I CRY A LITTLE BIT, TOO. WHEN I SING "MY COUNTRY 'TIS OF THEE" I FEEL JUST LIKE I USED TO WHEN I WAS A LITTLE CHILD. I WANT TO STEP A LITTLE QUICKER, THROW OUT MY CHEST A LITTLE FARTHER, AND BE PROUD OF THIS NATION THAT IS OURS. WHEN I STAND AND PLACE MY HAND OVER MY HEART AND SAY, "I PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA" I MEAN IT, AND IT MEANS SOMETHING TO ME, BUT THEN ISN'T THAT THE WAY IT SHOULD BE? ISN'T THAT ONE TROUBLE WITH OUR PEOPLE OF TODAY? WE ARE AFRAID TO SHOW A LITTLE EMOTION AND GET WRAPPED UP IN THINGS. THIS IS THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, THIS IS YOUR COUNTRY AND MY COUNTRY. THERE ARE THINGS THAT WE OWE TO HER, AND IF WE DON'T BEGIN TO SHOW THEM AND PAY THEM WE'LL LOSE THEM. WHAT ARE THEY? "LET ME GIVE THEM TO YOU QUICKLY."

JESUS SAID, "RENDER UNTO THE NATION, RENDER UNTO CAESAR, RENDER UNTO THE NATION, RENDER UNTO THE NATION LOVE. WE OWE THE NATION LOVE. THAT KIND OF LOVE THAT DEMANDS THE SACRIFICE OF SELF, THE FORGETTING OF SELF, JUST AS IT DID FOR THOSE OF FLANDERS FIELD, FOR THE ISLANDS OF THE PACIFIC, OR KOREA AND IS DEMANDING NOW THE BLOOD OF ME

AND WOMEN IN VIET NAM. LOVE THAT DEMANDS THE SACRIFICE OF SELF. BUT FOR TOO MANY,
LOVE HAS TURNED TO LUST. WE OWE OUR NATION LOVE.

WE OWE OUR NATION DEDICATION. THAT DEGREE OF DEDICATION THAT DEMANDS ONE'S
LIFE BLOOD IF NECESSARY. THAT DEDICATION THAT CARRIES ONE THROUGH EVERY CONFLICT.
BUT FOR TOO MANY, THE BLOOD OF DEDICATION HAS BECOME THE BLOOD OF DEBECRATION. THE
BLOOD OF TODAY'S MARTYRS BEFOULS THE AIR THAT THE HEROES BREATHE. IT DEBECRATES THE
TEMPLES OF FREEDOM THAT WERE BUILT WITH THE BONES OF BYGONE SOLDIERS. WE OWE OUR
NATION LOVE, WE OWE OUR NATION DEDICATION, WE OWE OUR NATION RESPECT.

RESPECT, RESPECT FOR THOSE WHO HAVE MADE OUR NATION GREAT, AND FOR OUR GREAT
NATION.

BUT I'M SORRY THAT FOR FAR TOO MANY RESPECT HAS TURNED INTO REBELLION!

CHANGE, YES, WE MUST HAVE CHANGE,

LUST BACK TO LOVE,

DEBECRATION TO DEDICATION,

AND REBELLION TO RESPECT.

THESE ARE THE ONLY VIRTUES THAT WILL WIN FOR EVERYONE HIS GOAL AND WILL KEEP
OUR NATION GREAT. LOVE, DEDICATION, RESPECT.

YOU CANNOT BUY EQUALITY, YOU MUST ACHIEVE IT.

YOU CANNOT BUY DECECY, YOU MUST LEARN IT.

YOU CANNOT BUY MORALITY, YOU MUST DEVELOP IT.

NO AMOUNT OF GUARANTEED ANNUAL INCOME OR HANDOUT WILL BUY ANY OF THESE THINGS.
YOU CANNOT BUY LOVE WITH MONEY. YOU CANNOT BUY DEDICATION OR RESPECT. YOU CANNOT
DEMAND EQUALITY. NO AMOUNT OF MONEY THAT WE SPEND WILL ACHIEVE IT FOR THIS NATION
OF OURS.

WE'D BETTER BEGIN THE PROCESS OF EDUCATION IN OUR OWN HEARTS TO REALIZE THAT
IF WE ARE TO HAVE THESE THINGS WE MUST WORK AT IT. EQUALITY IS ACHIEVED, DECECY
IS LEARNED, MORALITY IS DEVELOPED.

THIS LAND IS MY LAND. TOO! IT'S YOURS, AND YOURS, AND YOURS.

ARE WE GOING TO GIVE IT UP TO THE REDS? THAT'S WHAT THEY WANT, YOU KNOW.

THAT'S WHAT THEY ARE DETERMINED TO DO. TO TAKE IT OVER, SO TAKE IT AWAY FROM YOU. IF YOU DON'T BELIEVE ME GO HOME AND READ YOUR SUNDAY PAPER. THEY'VE DONE IT ELSEWHERE. THEY DID IT IN FRANCE. THEY DID IT IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA, THEY DID IT IN CHINA. GO ON, NAME THEM, COUNTRY AFTER COUNTRY AFTER COUNTRY. THEY'VE DONE IT, THEY'LL DO IT TO YOU.

STAND UP AND BE COUNTED AND LET YOUR VOICE BE HEARD. GET INVOLVED, WRITE TO YOUR CONGRESSMAN, CALL HIM UP, TELL HIM THAT IT'S YOUR COUNTRY, TOO, AND THAT YOU HAVE SOME RIGHTS, AND THAT YOU WANT SOME SAY IN THIS. IT'S ABOUT TIME WE QUIT "LET- TING GEORGE DO IT." YOU KNOW THE OLD SLANG EXPRESSION, "LET GEORGE DO IT", WE'VE BEEN DOING THAT LONG ENOUGH, BUT YOU KNOW, POOR GEORGE IS OVERWORKED. HE'S THE GUY THAT GAVE THE RUSSIANS CZECHOSLOVAKIA, HE'S THE GUY THAT GAVE CHINA TO THE COMMUNISTS. POOR GEORGE, HE'LL GIVE THE UNITED STATES TO THEM, TOO. BUT YOU KNOW, HIS NAME ISN'T REALLY GEORGE. DO YOU KNOW WHAT HIS NAME IS? IT'S SELFISHNESS. WE SIT IN OUR COMFORTABLE, AIR-CONDITIONED Pews AND HOMES, AND WILL NOT BE STIRRED OR INVOLVED, PROTECTING OUR OWN LITTLE SELFISHLY MORTGAGED MANORS. HIS NAME IS SELFISHNESS, HIS NAME IS NEGLIGENCE, HIS NAME IS COMPLACENCY. YOU CALL HIM GEORGE, BUT HE'LL GIVE YOUR FREEDOM TO THE COMMUNISTS.

BEFORE YOU CAN'T STAND UP, STAND UP AND SPEAK. YES, CHANGE; A CHANGE TOWARD THESE THINGS WE HAVE TALKED ABOUT.

I'M GOING TO ASK YOU TO PRAY A PRAYER WITH ME NOW, BECAUSE I THINK WE NEED TO PRAY IT. FOR TOO LONG WE'VE SAID, "I DON'T KNOW WHAT'S WRONG, AND I DON'T KNOW WHAT WE CAN DO," BUT A LONG TIME AGO ST. FRANCIS WROTE A PRAYER AND IT IS A GOOD ONE FOR YOU AND FOR ME AND FOR ALL OF THOSE WHO LOVE DEMOCRACY THIS MORNING. YOU KNOW THE PRAYER.

"GOD GRANT ME THE SERENITY TO ACCEPT THE THINGS I CANNOT CHANGE; THE COURAGE TO CHANGE THE THINGS I CAN; AND THE WISDOM TO KNOW THE DIFFERENCE." IT'S TIME WE PRAYED THIS PRAYER, AND HAD THE AMERICAN FORTITUDE AND GUTS TO STAND UP AND FIGHT FOR THIS NATION WHICH WAS GIVEN TO US BY OUR FOREFATHERS.

STAND UP AND SPEAK BEFORE YOU CANNOT STAND UP AT ALL!

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The "New Left Notes" (NLN), official publication of SDS, issue of October 9, 1967, on page three contained an article captioned "Cubans Invite SDS to Anniversary Celebration." This article, which was written by Carl Davidson, Inter-Organizational Secretary, read in part as follows: *U.S. cult*

"The Cuban government has extended an invitation to SDS to send 10 to 20 people to Cuba from December 21 to January 10, the anniversary of the revolution. The trip is scheduled to include a tour of the island, meetings with various government officials, and attendance at anniversary celebrations. A resolution of the National Council (NC) mandated the NIC (National Interim Committee) to select people to attend, leaving it to the NIC to decide what process and criteria would be used.

"At the NIC meeting following the NC, it was decided that not only should chapter members be encouraged to apply, but also that part of the process of selection should take place at the local level. The result was a decision that local chapters should elect their applicant and that the NIC should select a minimum of one-half of the delegation from this pool of elected chapter people. This will permit the NIC to have a large number of people who are active at the local level to choose from, rather than selecting only from those people known to the NIC members.

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"Those who are elected applicants will have to raise their own transportation costs--and hopefully chapters will be willing to aid with expenses if they have taken part in choosing the delegate...

The rest of the delegation will be made up of those selected by the NIC from regional travellers and staff, people active in movement newspapers or community projects, national officers, etc....

"Via Cho! Viva la Revolucion; Venceremos!"

The "NLN" issue of November 20, 1967, on page five, contained an article captioned "Selections Made for Cuba Trip," which was written by Jeff Shoro, National Interim Committee-New York. This article read as follows:

"Choosing between human beings, judging friends, is a particularly difficult and unwanted task. In selecting people for the Cuba trip the primary criteria applied by the NIC was how much others in the movement would benefit from a particular person's experiences and political insights. We looked toward choosing people who had recently been active in their own locales, and who would continue doing speaking and writing in their areas upon their return. The criteria of geographical distribution and importance to the person's political development were also considered.

"The NIC was mandated by the national council to choose at least half of the members of the trip from chapters. Because nominations came from only twelve chapters, the selection was weighted against those older, more well-known SDS members who are regional office members, campus travellers, etc. Many strong activists in the non-campus group were not selected because there were approximately 10 slots and thirty applications.

"The current plans are to send Carl Davidson to Cuba to the Third World Intellectual's Conference in early January as an SDS observer and to finalize arrangements for the two-week tour. The NIC will also select one other person, along with Davidson, to attend the Conference, although Carl will be the only official observer.

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"The tour itself will take place in the early part of February. The SDS members will journey to Cuba via Mexico City if State Department travel permits can be obtained, or through Prague if they can't. Because the cost to each individual will be about \$500 if the journey must be made through Prague, and because the trip will coincide with many university exam periods, a prioritized list of ten alternates were also chosen. One of the eleven national officers will participate in the trip as a leader and coordinator of the tour.

"The names of the people selected, as well as the alternates, will be published in New Left Notes after they have been notified."

The "NLN" issue of February 12, 1968, on page five, contained the following announcement: "Todd Gitlin and Carl Davidson attended the recent Cultural Congress of Havana (Cuba) as official representatives of SDS. They were chosen by the NIC to do this."

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A source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that a meeting of the Militant Labor Forum (MLF) of the Socialist Workers Party, Chicago Branch (CBSWP) was held in Chicago, Illinois, on April 5, 1968, which featured Carl Davidson who spoke on his recent trip to Cuba. In his speech Davidson stated he and several other SDS members met privately with Fidel Castro for about three hours during their visit. During their discussion with Castro they discussed among other things the American antiwar movement and the Negro movement and riots. Castro told Davidson that he was surprised by the growth and development of the antiwar movements among students. He did not expect such a development to take place within the United States. Castro also said that he had reassessed and changed his position on the possibility of a socialist revolution within the United States. Formerly he thought that such a development was impossible. Castro now believes that a socialist revolution is now possible in the United States.

Characterizations of the SDS, MLF and CBSWP are attached hereto.

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The "Florida Alligator," daily campus newspaper, University of Florida, Gainesville, Florida, in its issue dated February 20, 1968, carried on page one a copyright article by Steve Hall, Editor, and Harvey Alper, Managing Editor. This article states that the "Alligator" learned on February 16, 1968, that Alan Levin and 19 other members of the SDS from throughout the United States are in Cuba as guests of the Cuban Government. According to the article, the group is in Cuba "to talk to representatives of North Korea and the National Liberation Front of North Vietnam" and "to spend some time in Cuba working in Cuban fields."

The article states that Joe Horton, a member of the visiting group and a Chicago SDS member, was quoted as saying in an interview over communist radio "I will not go to Vietnam to defend the interests of the Rusks, the Rockefellers, and the Imperialists of my country. I would rather go to prison or die."

According to the article, the group left from O'Hare International Airport, Chicago, on February 6, 1968, for Mexico City and a connecting flight to Havana on Cuba's Cubana Airline. The article states the group is reported to be in Cuba for about 2 1/2 weeks and will return to the United States by freighter with a connection in Canada. The article listed the following as members of the group: U

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CANADA*
KAREN ASHLEY
National Office-SDS
Chicago *THL*

MARC STEINER and SHEILA RYAN
Washington, D.C.
SDS Chapter

BOB TIMPOSKY and JAMES ROCKWELL
Syracuse, New York

ALAN LEVIN, Southern Student
Organizing Committee (SSOC)
Gainesville *THL*

PAUL SHINOFF *OK*
Los Angeles Regional Office SDS

MARY ELSON and MIKE GOLDFIELD
University of Chicago *THL*

ALICE EMBREE and PHIL RUSSELL
North American Congress on
Latin America, New York

MARK RUDD, Columbia University
New York

JEAN WEISSMAN, Westside
Draft Project, New York City

DINA CLAMAGE, Detroit *THL*

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MIKE BARON, Join Community Union, Chicago

JOE HORTON, Chicago, Region of SDS

**MAR/HARDESTY, Home and affiliation
unknown**

The New York Region of SDS has been holding a Series of Commentaries about SDS on radio station WBAI FM, 99.5 on the dial, each Wednesday, beginning March 6, 1968, after the evening news at about 7:00 PM.

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She stated it was a revolution made by youth and carried on by youth. The average age of the Central Committee is 35. Whole sections of the country are controlled by people under 30. There is a feeling of youthfulness and ties with the rest of the world as well as with struggles in all parts of the world. The liberation struggles are everywhere aiding in revolutionary struggles in whatever way they possibly can.

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For her last point, she stated there is a general flexibility in the government, seemingly undogmatic. They do not go by strict Marxist lines and they change their minds if they find they are wrong. It is most flexible to criticism and change.

Mark Rudd of the Columbia University (CU) SDS Chapter, was asked by Jones to mention how some people happened to take the trip, because a lot of times people tire of the New Left for the fact that they often go off to talk with the National Liberation Front (NLF) in Southeast Asia or the Cubans in Cuba.

Rudd stated the reason the Cubans invited them was probably because they wanted to make contact with SDS. In general, someone has said they (Cubans) view SDS as the group with the most potential and the least well organized. The Cubans wanted them to go down to Cuba to gain some of the consciousness and spirit of the country in order to tell the Americans what is happening there.

Rudd stated that one of the big reasons why the Cuban people feel they are part of the revolution was because of their experiences with the American embargo, American opposition to the revolution, and specifically, the mercenary invasion in 1961 of the Bay of Pigs..

The SDS group visited the Bay of Pigs and was moved when they saw a monument dedicated to the militiamen killed there. He stated there is a famous picture of Fidel Castro taken before the Bay of Pigs, in which he was addressing a crowd of 1,000 people with their guns raised in the air. These are the people of Cuba and in a real sense the basic democracy in Cuba.

Jones introduced Alice Embree of the North American Congress on Latin America. Embree stated that they had stayed at the Havana Riviera Hotel. She spoke of the cleanliness of the streets and country though the buildings are run down; and their visits to the sugar cane fields.

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Jones stated that he did not go to Cuba, but was able to go to Southeast Asia and talk with the NLF and North Vietnamese people last November. He recently went on a speaking tour around New England talking about it. His tour took place just after General Hershey's statement that graduate students and college seniors would no longer be exempt from the draft. The point he was trying to make to the students protected by the 2-S classification was that conditions would probably lead them to join their movement to try to change the society, that both fights the war in Vietnam and has to draft people to do it.

Jones stated that everything that was stated that evening was very good about Cuba, but he understood there is a draft there.

Karen Ashley stated they were really upset when they heard that universal military training will be instituted in the Cuban schools for all boys and girls. She stated it is against everything SDS was doing in the United States and they talked to a lot of people in Cuba about it.

A guide told them that everyone wants to be trained. Those who do not are the counterrevolutionaries and most of them are leaving Cuba. They look upon military training as desirable in that it will happen while they are in school and they will not have to interrupt their life later on. It is part of their daily life that they must know how to defend themselves. They are in a sense a paranoid nation, but with good reason, with the United States only 90 miles away.

She stated there was not anyone they met who found military training a bad thing. They were all involved in building up the country and saw this as another way to do it.

Jones then inquired about the use of drugs in Cuba. Rudd stated the drug situation was simple to define since drugs are illegal there. Most people feel they do not want or need them, and that included the artists and students with whom they spent their last week. He stated the artists are free to publish their poems and have their paintings exhibited.

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Alice Embree spoke of their visit to the Isle of Pines, also called the Isle of Youth, where the political prisons are located. She stated the prisons are now being converted into technological institutions, and they are trying to figure out a way to construct the buildings to look less like prisons. Embree related the group found the Isle to be an exciting place with 50,000 kids there. Young people come there to do voluntary work for 45 days to two years, reshaping the island. They are trying to create communism there which they say is creating a socialist-revolutionary consciousness. They found it exciting to see young people controlling the island.

Jones concluded the program by thanking "Fidel Castro for his part in tonight's program." He also stated that the individuals on the program were working with SDS and are available for discussion groups.

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Confidential informants, who have some knowledge of activities of the SDS in the Chicago area and who have furnished reliable information in the past, were contacted during May, 1968, concerning the possibility that SDS might have received funds from the government of Cuba. They advised that they know of no SDS funds that might have come from Cuba.

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FRIDAY NIGHT SOCIALIST FORUM, Also
known as Militant Labor Forum

In May, 1967, a source advised that the Forum is a paper organization set up by the Chicago Branch, Socialist Workers Party (CBSWP), Chicago, Illinois, for Socialist Workers Party (SWP) members and sympathizers. Open meetings held under the auspices of this Forum are geared to the activities that the SWP is pursuing at a particular time, e.g., unemployment, election campaign, Cuba, segregation, etc.

A CBSWP member is in charge of the Forum and schedules meetings under the name of the Forum in order to conceal the SWP sponsorship of same. The meetings of the Forum generally are held at Chicago SWP headquarters although the Forum, in the past, has sponsored other affairs, such as meetings, socials and picnics held at other locations.

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SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY
CHICAGO BRANCH

In May, 1967, a source advised that it was his understanding that the currently active Chicago Branch of the Socialist Workers Party (SWP) was one of the founding branches of the SWP at a 1938 Chicago Trotskyist Convention, and it follows the aims and principles of the SWP which maintains national headquarters in New York City.

Members of the Chicago Branch serve as SWP national functionaries, and per capita membership dues and a sustaining fund quota are sent by this branch on a monthly basis to SWP national headquarters.

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SOUTHERN STUDENT ORGANIZING COMMITTEE (SSOC)

On September 27, 1966, and again on June 2, 1967, the second source advised that during the Summer of 1966 the CPUSA concentrated its youth cadre in organizing projects in several cities in an effort to recruit for and strengthen local CP youth organizations. Nashville, Tennessee, was included in this project. The youth placed in charge of the Nashville project was Donald Leslie Boner, with funds to be made available for three to five full-time organizers in Nashville. Jacqueline Saindon, also known as Jackie, of the CP in New York, New York, a Queens College student, came to Nashville in the Summer of 1966 for this purpose. At the CPUSA Youth Conference held at Camp Webatuck, New York, liaison had been made with SSOC; that contact had also been made with black militants on Nashville Negro college campuses; and that a beginning had been made toward organizing in the Nashville Negro community. He said he thought a riot was possible in the near future in the Negro community and the CP must take advantage of same. He emphasized that some main efforts were to work with SSOC and SCEP. Following the conference, attendees Brian Heggen and Patricia Louis Rabbitt, also known as Patti Rabbitt, traveled to Nashville to join Boner's organizing efforts there.

On February 28, 1967, a fourth source advised that Patti Rabbitt of Seattle, Washington, a member of the Northwest CP District, had gone to Nashville, Tennessee, to organize in connection with a CP assignment.

On June 8, 1967, source five advised that Patti Rabbitt, Brian Heggen, Donald Leslie Boner and wife Carol Stevens Boner are all active members of SSOC in Nashville and that Heggen is now editor of the official SSOC publication "New South Student."

On July 7, 1967, source six advised that Donald Boner and wife Carol Boner attended a CPUSA Youth Conference at Camp Abelard, New York, July 1 through 4, 1967.

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On November 1, 1966, a first source advised that the Southern Student Organizing Committee (SSOC) with headquarters at 1703 Portland Avenue, Nashville, Tennessee, was formed on the weekend of April 3-5, 1964, to stimulate activity of Southern student groups in areas of civil rights, peace, academic freedom, civil liberties, capital punishment and unemployment. Originally, it was to be a white counterpart of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC). It has agreed to work with similar interested groups such as SNCC and Students for a Democratic Society (SDS), and Southern Conference Educational Fund, Inc. (SCEF). SSOC is a fraternal affiliate of SDS.

Beginning in the Fall of 1966, SSOC became a membership organization and embarked on a campaign to form local chapters on various college campuses throughout the South. SSOC publishes, October through May each year, a publication, "New South Student," which according to the above source has increasingly espoused and defended the pro-Communist and anti-United States position on domestic and foreign policy.

On September 27, 1966, a second source advised that Donald Boner of Nashville, Tennessee, while in attendance at a Communist Party, USA (CPUSA) Youth Conference, Camp Webatuck, New York, September 12, 13 and 14, 1966, gave a report regarding Nashville, saying that CP personnel were concentrating on organizing rent strikes, working with SSOC and SCEF and establishing a Socialist Study Group for students. He predicted future rioting, which, he said, the CP must take advantage of. He emphasized that more CP youth must be sent South.

On August 12, 1966, a third source advised that Donald Leslie Boner, white male, age 22, of 3105 Louise Drive, Nashville, Tennessee, had been in the CP about four months.

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The masthead of the June, 1967, issue of "Southern Patriot", official publication of SCEP, lists Carol Stevens Boner and Anne Braden as Editors and lists Carl Braden as Executive Director.

The "Nashville Banner," Nashville, Tennessee, newspaper issue of May 5, 1967, reported that SSOC was preparing for the May 17, 1967, appearance of Mike Zagarell, National Youth Director, CPUSA, at Vanderbilt University; that Bill Doss, Press Agent for SSOC, on May 12, 1967, brought to the "Banner" office publicity material which the CP had sent to SSOC.

The April, 1967, issue, Volume IV, No. 4, of "New South Student", published each month, October through May, by SSOC, carried an article on page 22 entitled "CIA American Labor", by Donald Boner, a review of a book entitled "The CIA and American Labor", authored by George Morris, Labor Editor of "The Worker", east coast Communist newspaper. Boner is described therein as an active member of the Nashville SSOC Chapter.

STUDENTS FOR A DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY

The Students for a Democratic Society (SDS), as it is known today, came into being at a founding convention held at Port Huron, Michigan, in June, 1962. The SDS is an association of young people on the left and has a current program of protesting the draft, promoting a campaign for youth to develop a conscientious objector status, denouncing United States intervention in the war in Vietnam and to "radically transform" the university community, and provide for its complete control by students. GUS HALL, General Secretary, Communist Party, USA, when interviewed by a representative of United Press International in San Francisco, California, on May 14, 1965, described the SDS as a part of the "responsible left" which the Party has "going for us." At the June, 1965, SDS National Convention, an anticommunist proviso was removed from the SDS constitution. In the October 7, 1966, issue of "New Left Notes," the official publication of SDS, an SDS spokesman stated that there are some communists in SDS and they are welcome. The national headquarters of this organization as of April 18, 1967, was located in Room 206, 1608 West Madison Street, Chicago, Illinois.

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

Date 6-16-68

To:

☒ Director

Att:

☐ SAC

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Re: 431048

FILE 100-431048

Title Communist Party

for a Democratic Society

RE:

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☐ Acknowledge

☐ Assign Reassign

☐ Bring file

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☐ Leads need attention

☐ Return with explanation or notation as to action taken.

☐ Open Case

☐ Prepare lead cards

☐ Prepare tickler

☐ Recharge serials

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☐ Return file

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attached are 2 copies of New Left Notes
Volume 3, #20, issue of June 10, 1968
These copies do not have to be returned
for evidentiary purposes

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SAC Mr. Lin [unclear]

Office Chicago

ENCLOSURE ATTACHED

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Radical Education Project

POST OFFICE BOX 625 ANN ARBOR, MI 48107 Office: 109 Miller Avenue, Ann Arbor (313) 761 1320

May 17, 1968

Dear Friend:

This is my last 'official act' as a REP staff member, and appropriately it is to ask you to give continuing financial support to REP, as I plan to do. REP needs money to continue the rapid expansion of our program, and we must count to an important extent on many relatively small contributors, as we have since REP's inception.

When I joined the REP staff in June 1966, all that existed was the belief that there was a crying need for intellectual activity in the Movement, to inform and educate both Movement people and people in the society at large. REP has made important first steps in doing this, but much remains for us -- and others -- to do. REP's activities during the past year have included:

- REP Literature: REP now distributes a growing collection of over 75 original and reprinted articles, plus a collection of movement journals and newspapers.
- Radicals in the Professions Newsletter: REP now publishes a newsletter dealing with the activities, problems, and ideas of post-student radicals of the New Left.
- Conferences: REP has sponsored conferences on 'Radicals in the Professions,' 'The University and the Military,' and aided in planning of the New Universities Conference.
- Pow-Wows: In the past month or so, we have initiated a program which we consider very important: a series of 'pow-wows,' weekend discussions of strategic problems by SDS people from the local, regional and national levels. At these discussions, we hope people will be able to integrate their day-to-day organizing concerns with strategic perspectives on how basic social change can come about in the U.S.
- Book Critiques: In cooperation with Madison SDS, REP is publishing a series of essays critically evaluating major books in the social sciences.
- Speakers Guide: REP has compiled and published a Movement Speakers Guide, which lists over 100 people, and related topics, willing to speak and help with local educational programs.

These are part of REP's continuing efforts to promote radical research and to develop an organizational base for movement intellectual and educational activities. Aside from developing these programs and activities more fully -- and we've only begun in each of these areas -- there are other programs we would like to start. We would like to support people doing the original research so badly needed by the Left in the U.S. We would like to help develop programs around the question of liberating organizing ('vocation for radicals' is a good phrase), on area and set of issues which is just beginning to be touched.

There is much work to be done in the way of coordination, such as:

- Centralizing information on services needed by Movement people and available from other Movement people (our Speakers Guide is one beginning).
- Publicizing research and other intellectual work being done.
- Exchanging information on organizing activities and events in various places, so people can benefit from each others' experiences through personal contact and correspondence (and the Radicals in the Professions Newsletter).

All these programs and plans require money, and many of them have no financial return other than contributions from people who think they are important needs for the movement.

I am off to teach at a community college and attempt to carry out some of the organizing ideas discussed in the Radicals in the Professions Newsletter. I see REP as an important resource for me. That is why I will support it financially (and in other ways), and I hope you will, too.

Fraternally,

James Jacobs
Signature
Jim Jacobs

Gentlemen: I have had several mailings from this organization, and I myself am one of them. It is Communist. Suggest you write for me (using as return address the home of one of your agents). This quite likely ties in with the

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CORRESPONDENCE -
C. W. W.

June 14, 1968

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EX 106

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INT

Cambridge, Massachusetts 02141

Dear

RB

I received your communication on June 12th and appreciate your thoughtfulness in furnishing me your views on the matter you mentioned.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

MAILED 12
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COMM-FBI

NOTE: Bufiles contain no information identifiable with correspondent. The Radical Education Project (REP) is an independent educational, research and publication program initiated by students for a Democratic Society aspiring to the creation of a new left in America. James Jacobs is on the speaker's list of REP and is active in Students for a Democratic Society.

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Memorandum

TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan *s/s*

DATE: 6/14/68

FROM : C. D. Brennan *CD*

SUBJECT: STUDENTS FOR A DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY
INTERNAL SECURITY - SDS

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Mrs. Mildred Stegall at the White House has forwarded us a memorandum from Douglass Cater, also at the White House, enclosing a letter Cater received from one Paul Horgan, Center for Advanced Studies, Wesleyan University, Middletown, Connecticut. The letter from Horgan refers to Wesleyan student, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] as picking up a hitchhiker recently who stated that the Students for a Democratic Society (SDS) in New England "somewhere" were laying careful plans for assassinations at the National Democratic Convention to be held in Chicago in August, 1968. *B7C*

Bufiles contain no identifiable data concerning Horgan or [REDACTED] was reported as being a Communist Party member in the 1930s as well as being connected with various communist fronts during that period of time. *B7C*

OBSERVATIONS:

In view of the allegations in this matter and the current extreme tendency for violence on the part of SDS, it is imperative that we attempt to develop additional information concerning the statement made by the unknown hitchhiker. We are directing New Haven to immediately interview Horgan and [REDACTED] for complete details concerning this matter. New Haven is also being instructed to send leads to appropriate field divisions by teletype and advise the Bureau of results of interviews with Horgan and [REDACTED] *B7C*

Enclosure *sent 6-17-68*

100-439048

- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Bishop
- 1 - Mr. W.C. Sullivan
- 1 - Mr. C.D. Brennan
- 1 - [REDACTED] *B7C*

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Memorandum C.D. Brennan to W.C. Sullivan
RE: STUDENTS FOR A DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY
100-439048

Upon receipt of the results of these interviews, the White House will be advised and appropriate dissemination of the information developed will be made.

RECOMMENDATION:

In accordance with the above observations, attached airtel to New Haven be approved.

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P.B.
for W.S.H.

MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

June 11, 1968

TO: MILDRED STEGALL

FROM: DOUGLASS CATER *DC*

I called Paul Horgan about this letter. The student he mentioned was [REDACTED] Horgan says he is a fine young man. He does not believe that [REDACTED] has any way of identifying the hitch-hiker. Horgan says he is willing to do anything he can to help, but realizes his information is pretty vague. Do you wish to show this to anyone in FBI or the Secret Service? *b7C*

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ENCLOSURE



9 June 68

Dear Douglass,

the President's noble and anguished appeal—"For God's sake let us resolve--" reminded me of something; I meant to mention to you when we met in Washington for dinner in May; but our evening was so animated and my selfish delight to be with Libby and you again was so keen that other interests faded out and only now, in this ghastly new time of tragedy, have I been reminded.

I don't know whether or not there is any sense or point in relaying a rumor I heard here, but if there's the smallest reality behind it, those in authority should be informed. In brief: one of our students on the way to seeing his girl in Boston picked up a young hitchhiker...evidently another student, though this is not certain, and the identity of the hitch-hiker was never established, as the encounter was entirely by chance and was brief. But the hitch-hiker in talking about this and that said that the SDS in New England "somewhere" were laying careful plans for ~~reconstruction~~ (as you see I cannot write the word) assassinations at the Chicago convention in August. I know that warnings have already been set out about threats for that gathering; ~~and~~ ^{but} this one small straw may not be meaningful; but in conscience I must relay it, praying that there is nothing to it.

I'll be in Aspen July 10-Sept 1.

Love to you all. Yours ever,

ENCLOSURE

1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Felt

SAC, Albany

6/14/68

Director, FBI (100-439048)

1 - Mr. Sullivan
1 - Mr. C.D. Brennan

1 - [REDACTED] B7C
1 - [REDACTED]

STUDENTS FOR A DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY (SDS)
IS - SDS; SEDITION

ReBuairtel to all offices dated 1/25/68.

Referenced airtel stated that because of the increasing number of incidents where attempts have been made to disrupt the recruiting activities of the Armed Forces, the Department has requested that a determination be made as to whether these incidents are isolated or whether they are part of a conspiracy organized by SDS. All offices were instructed to furnish Chicago appropriate inserts setting forth all seditious activities sponsored by SDS in the area covered by the field office so that Chicago could submit a report. This report has been submitted. Each field office has, since original instructions, continued to furnish the Bureau separate communications on seditious activities of SDS.

In addition, quarterly reports concerning SDS have also included seditious activities on the part of this organization and its members. Since the Department's specific request has been fulfilled and to facilitate handling in the field and at the Bureau to prevent the submission of duplicate information, separate reporting should be discontinued and all activity should be included in submissions under the above caption. You should close your separate file concerning the sedition aspect of this case. One copy of your quarterly report on SDS should be designated for Bureau file 14-2941.

2 - All Offices

1 - 14-2941

WNP:jav (124)

NOTE: [REDACTED]

See memorandum C.D. Brennan to W.C. Sullivan dated 6/12/68 captioned as above as prepared by WNP:jav.

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JUN 20 1968

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Date 6-22-68

To:

☒ Director

FILE # 100-439018

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Re:

ACTION DESIRED

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☐ Call me

☐ Correct

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☐ Deadline passed

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☐ Return with explanation or notation as to action taken.

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NEW YORK

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : The Director

DATE: May 22, 1968

FROM : N. P. Callahan

SUBJECT: The Congressional Record

Pages E4416-E4418. Congressman Ashbrook, (R) Ohio, included an excerpt from Mr. Hoover's testimony on February 23 before the House Appropriations Subcommittee, concerning the Students for a Democratic Society. Mr. Ashbrook also placed in the Record an article entitled "Campus or Battleground?--Columbia Is a Warning to All American Universities" written by Robert Hessen which appeared in the May 20, 1968, issue of Barron's.

General

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MAY 22 1968

In the original of a memorandum captioned and dated as above, the Congressional Record for May 21, 1968 was reviewed and pertinent items were marked for the Director's attention. This form has been prepared in order that pertinent items from the original memorandum may be clipped, mounted, and placed in the Bureau case or subject matter files.

MAY 25 1968

Original filed in: 100-439648-22

6-6-68

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FILE # 100-439048
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IS-SDS
RE: [redacted] **B7C**
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : The Director

DATE: 6-18-68

FROM : N. P. Callahan

SUBJECT: The Congressional Record

Pages E5491-E5492. Congressman Cathings, (D) Arkansas, included in the Record an article written by Richard Starnes entitled "What Do The Students Want? 'We'll Take Control Of Your World.'" Mr. Cathings pointed out that the article "illustrates the inability of these SDS students and nonstudents to foresee the evil that they have so cunningly worked in the United States and abroad. The article emphasizes that this leftist movement philosophy 'is not one for the support of America and its traditions. . . . It is one of defiance, hostility, and opposition to our free society.' - - - For the sake of the Nation's well-being and education, let us hope that the students awake to the anarchy planned by SDS and that the campus be cleared of chaos and disorders as well as those who perpetrate this violence." Mr. Starnes pointed out in his article "One of the nation's oldest hands at appraising left wing causes had this to say about the new left: 'The new left's mood—and philosophy of life—is not one of support for America and its traditions, of upholding moral and democratic values. Rather it is one of defiance, hostility, and opposition to our free society. - - - .'" FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover, author of the foregoing appraisal, concluded with this warning: 'Hence to dismiss the new left, as some do, as a collection of simpletons, eccentrics, and jocular fools is to commit a grave mistake. - - - .'"

Pages E5472-E5473. Congressman Cathings, (D) Arkansas, stated 'the citizens of this Nation have been shocked to find that the red flag of communism and the black flag of anarchy has been raised over many of the colleges and universities in the United States by students dominated by an organization calling itself Students for a Democratic Society.' Mr. Cathings included an editorial from the Washington Daily News of June 12 entitled "Campus Agitators" and an article written by Richard Starnes entitled "A Product of Careful Planning: The U. S. Campus Riots Didn't Bloom Overnight."

In the original of a memorandum captioned and dated as above, the Congressional Record for 6-17-68 was reviewed and pertinent items were marked for the Director's attention. This form has been prepared in order that portions of a copy of the original memorandum may be clipped, mounted, and placed in appropriate Bureau case or subject matter files.

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SAC, Chicago

6/21/68

Director, FBI (100-439048)

1 - Mr. C.D. Brannan

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STUDENTS FOR A DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY

IS - SDS

BUDED: 7/7/68

At the recent national convention of Students for a Democratic Society (SDS), a leaflet entitled "Ham Radio" was distributed. This leaflet contains the following statement: "The movement needs better communications, we are trying to set up a redical ham radio network which will aid in the rapid exchange of news and political analysis among revolutionary students both here and in Europe."

The leaflet contains a form which the recipient is to fill in if he has an amateur radio license, ham radio equipment or if he knows someone who does. This form is to be mailed to the Summer Liberation School Newspaper, Columbia Strike Committee, 536 West 114th Street, New York City.

All offices are to immediately survey their informants to determine whether any of them have amateur radio equipment or an amateur license. If such an informant is located, immediately advise the Bureau so that the informant can be utilized to penetrate this communications network.

All informants are to be alerted to this proposed network and instructed to obtain additional information concerning it. Bear in mind the possibility of instituting effective counterintelligence action through informants. All offices are to be alert for individuals who can be developed as informants for use in this matter. Your liaison with the Federal Communications Commission could be a source for such individuals.

2 - Albany
2 - Baltimore
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2 - Buffalo
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2 - Milwaukee

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2 - Newark
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2 - New York
2 - Philadelphia
2 - San Francisco
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Letter to SAC, Chicago
RE: STUDENTS FOR A DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY
100-439042

The New York Office is to immediately direct a source into the Columbia Strike Committee in order to obtain complete information concerning the proposed radio network. Identify the individuals who replied to this leaflet. Keep the Bureau advised of the status of the proposed network.

The results of your informant survey are to be furnished to the Bureau by 7/7/68.

NOTE:

The above-described leaflet was distributed at the SDS National Convention which was held 6/10-15/68. It is necessary that we make plans to penetrate this network so that we will have all available information concerning it. Penetration of it will also open many opportunities for counterintelligence action against the New Left. The offices to which this is being sent are the offices with SDS chapters and an active New Left movement.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan

DATE: 6/12/68

FROM : C. D. Brennan *CB*

SUBJECT: STUDENTS FOR A DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY (SDS)
INTERNAL SECURITY - SDS

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PURPOSE:

To recommend that all field offices be instructed to submit all data regarding seditious activities of SDS under SDS - Sedition caption rather than submitting separate communications concerning seditious activities only.

BACKGROUND:

Airtel to all field offices dated 1/25/68 instructed the field to furnish the Chicago Office appropriate inserts setting forth all seditious activities sponsored by SDS so that Chicago could prepare a report concerning the information developed by the field offices. This action was initiated as the Department had requested that a determination be made as to whether certain incidents by SDS members were isolated or whether they were part of a conspiracy organized by SDS.

The field has been submitting information concerning seditious activities on the part of this organization by separate communications and has also included this information in the submission of quarterly reports concerning the organization. Both the communications concerning seditious activities of SDS and the quarterly reports have been furnished the Internal Security Division of the Department.

OBSERVATIONS:

It is believed that to facilitate handling in the field and at the Seat of Government it is not necessary to

Enclosure
100-439048

1 - 14-2941

WNP:jav (8)

1 - Mr. DeLoach

1 - Mr. Felt

1 - Mr. Sullivan

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1 - Mr. C. D. Brennan

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Memorandum C.D. Brennan to W.C. Sullivan
RE: STUDENTS FOR A DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY (SDS)
100-439048

have the field submit separate communications concerning the seditious activities of SDS. To prevent a duplication of reporting by the field, it is believed desirable that all activities of captioned organization be set forth under one caption.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the attached letter be sent to all offices in line with the above observations.

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To: SACs, Los Angeles
New York
San Diego

From: Director, FBI (100-440097)

INVESTIGATION OF THE NEW LEFT
(KEY ACTIVISTS)

ReSanairtel 2/30/68.

For the information of San Diego, reairtel designated certain individuals who are extremely active and leaders in the New Left movement as Key Activists. These individuals have been most vocal in their statements denouncing the U. S. and calling for civil disobedience and other forms of unlawful and disruptive acts.

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The individuals the Bureau is currently designating as Key Activists are Michael Klenaky, Fred Gordon and

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- 1 - [REDACTED]
- 1 - [REDACTED]

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WHP:jav (15)

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Airtel to SAC, Los Angeles
RE: INVESTIGATION OF THE NEW LEFT
100-446995

Bernadine Dohrn. These individuals were elected at the recently held SDS National Convention held at Michigan State University. Klensky is National Secretary, Gordon is Education Secretary and Dohrn is Interorganizational Secretary.

Bufiles indicate Klensky is on the Security Index in Los Angeles because of his leadership and extremist activity in SDS in the Los Angeles area. In reviewing reports previously submitted on this individual it is noted that characterizations of his parents, both of whom are on the Security Index, have never been included in these reports. Los Angeles insure that such data is included in your next report on Klensky.

Gordon has not been the subject of an investigation by San Diego according to a review of Bufiles and San Diego should immediately open a case on this individual and promptly submit a report together with a recommendation concerning Gordon's Security Index status. Gordon has been a leader in New Left and SDS activities at the University of California at San Diego.

Bufiles also indicate that Dohrn has not previously been the subject of an investigation. She has been working with the National Lawyers Guild and in October, 1967, was described as the new Student Director of the National Lawyers Guild. It is, therefore, assumed she has been working and residing in New York City. Dohrn was also one of several individuals who submitted a resolution under the sponsorship of the SDS National Council calling for SDS cooperation with the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee to end restrictions on the travel of H. Rap Brown and that SDS chapters invite Brown to speak on college campuses where these chapters existed. This resolution was submitted at a National Council meeting of SDS held in Bloomington, Indiana, on December 27-31, 1967. During a public session at the SDS Convention, Dohrn was asked if she was a socialist. She stated, "I consider myself a revolutionary communist."

Airtel to SAC, Los Angeles
RE: INVESTIGATION OF THE NEW LEFT
100-440987

New York should, therefore, immediately conduct an investigation regarding Dohrn and surep promptly together with a recommendation concerning her Security Index status.

In the event adequate live informant coverage is not immediately available on these individuals, other types of coverage such as technical surveillances and physical surveillances should be considered as a temporary measure to establish the necessary coverage. In the future when submitting communications concerning the individuals designated as Key Activists, these words should be added after the character except on communications such as reports and LHM's which will be disseminated outside of the Bureau. Reports should also be submitted to the Bureau every six months concerning these Key Activists.

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RESPECTFULLY,

T. E. BISHOP

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FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover has sounded a warning Americans cannot afford to ignore on the grave dangers to the internal security of the United States.

In closed-door testimony to Congress last Feb. 21, released only a few days ago, Mr. Hoover cited three major threats to the nation from within: Black power radicalism, the surge of New Left "anarchy" on college campuses, and unwarranted leniency toward criminals.

The FBI chief sharply defined the role these factors played—and continue to play—in urban riots, student rebellions and the unprecedented crime rate. It is a chilling report.

On the 1967 riots, Director Hoover spoke of a "new development, in that tense situations have been further aggravated, with the crowd taking action following the exhortations of extremists such as Black Power advocates Stokely Carmichael and H. Rap Brown."

He named the Student Nonviolent Co-ordinating Committee, the Black Muslims and the Revolutionary Action Movement, saying these groups "are preaching hatred of the white race, demanding immunity from laws and preaching violence."

Mr. Hoover also stressed the Communist party's function in civil disorders. He said although the FBI had uncovered no evidence of a conspiracy in the riots, the nation "should never overlook the activities of the Communists and other subversive groups who attempt to inject themselves into the turmoil once it is started, as well as the effect of such demagogues."

The FBI chief said that while various Communist organizations in the United States have factional differences, their common objective is "to destroy faith in the American system, to shake confidence in its leadership and to subvert the ideals of its younger generation."

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The SDS, he stated, is "infiltrated by Communist party members," and has "seized upon every opportunity to foment discord among the youth of this country."

He charged it works "hand-in-hand" with the Communist-dominated Dubois clubs, and accused these two groups of spearheading the anti-draft movement.

The Communists, he added, are trying to unite the civil rights and anti-war protests into "one massive movement that they hope will ultimately change our government's policies, both foreign and domestic."

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As for crime, Mr. Hoover reported it was outstripping population growth by almost 9 to 1 and "the crime problem confronting our nation today is more intense than at any time in our history."

Arguing for a harder line toward criminals, Mr. Hoover testified: "Unwarranted leniency which demands justice and rewards evasion of legal responsibility poses a deadly threat to the very heart of the nation."

We back the FBI director's argument for a tougher attitude, not only toward crime but toward racial extremism and student anarchy. All are menaces to civil order; each element shows a wanton disregard for the laws of our society.

Mr. Hoover is not advocating witch hunts. He seeks to jab the nation into an awareness that we are presently engaged in a struggle for survival against menaces which threaten mortal damage to internal security.

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138 Draft Card Cases Still Pending

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WASHINGTON — The Justice Department has been sitting on 138 confirmed cases of draft-card burning which were in evident violation of a 1965 law.

Rep. P. Edward Hobert (Dem., Louisiana), needing the department for its lack of enthusiasm for passage of the legislation, told the House he hopes Attorney General Ramsey Clark will "proceed more expeditiously" with prosecutions under the law, which was upheld Monday by the Supreme Court.

Mr. Hobert charged that the Justice Department had withheld its support of the 1965 bill because it saw the measure as a violation of constitutional freedom of speech.

HOOVER TESTIMONY

Information on investigation of suspected cases of draft-card destruction or mutilation was given to a House committee recently in closed session by FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover.

He said the FBI had conducted 300 such inquiries and had "confirmed the acts in 163 cases."

But prosecution had been authorized in only 25 of the cases, Mr. Hoover said.

Convictions were obtained in 14 cases. Seven cases awaiting trial, and four indictments were dismissed.

Mr. Hoover did not comment on the gap between the 163 confirmed cases and the 25 authorized prosecutions. One reason, apparently, was that the Justice Department wanted to see whether the Supreme Court would hold the 1965 law to be constitutional.

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~~HOBERT~~ In his House speech Monday, Mr. Hobert reminded Congress of the Justice Department's "great reluctance" to "say anything favorable" about the bill when it was being considered two years ago.

He recalled that the department declined to give any assistance then except to suggest a one-word change in a draft of the bill.

It was passed with only one no vote in the House, and none in the Senate.

In its 7-4-1 decision Monday, the Supreme Court gave strong and sweeping endorsement to Congress' power to strengthen draft laws.

Mr. Hoover told the House committee that all reports of burning or turning in draft cards are investigated "immediately" by his agents.

In many cases, he disclosed, phony draft cards are used, presumably out of fear of possible prosecution for violating the 1965 law.

He said some of the noisiest anti-Vietnam war demonstrators have actually burned fake draft cards printed to look like the real thing.

The phony cards bear the caption "selective service anti-draft certificate." The 163 confirmed cases all involved genuine cards.

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON
MR. DE LOACH
MR. ROSEN
MR. BEHOP
MR. SULLIVAN

Opinion

While talking to Attorney General Ramsey Clark on another matter, he asked how the James Earl Ray investigation looked now. I said I thought it was more or less stymied in legal technicalities in Great Britain as it has to go through a long process on extradition. I commented that, of course, the lawyer who has gone over to represent Ray is a former FBI Agent; that he is no good and was the attorney in the Mrs. Viola Luzzo case, but, of course, we got convictions in that, but this lawyer has always been strongly pro-Klan. I said he was Mayor of Birmingham, Alabama, at one time and at that time he was a strong supporter of "Bull" Connor and I thought it significant that Ray should get a fellow who has certainly a strong smell of the Klan about him. I said he denies that he is a Klansman or that he ever attended any of their meetings and he claims he does not know how Ray came to ask for him as his lawyer. I said that Ray claims he read about him in the newspaper when he was in the penitentiary in Missouri. The Attorney General said he does not see how Ray would remember that. I agreed and told the Attorney General that the lawyer and his son, who is a partner, went over to England and we alerted our London Office to alert the British as to his background so they would know with whom they are dealing.

The Attorney General asked how long ago the fellow was with the Bureau and I stated it must have been before the war. The Attorney General then asked how long he was with the Bureau and I told him about three years and that he then went into the practice of law and got into politics in Birmingham and, as I had said, he was a very strong supporter of "Bull" Connor in the use of police dogs, et cetera, in civil rights matters. I said he was the lawyer in the Luzzo case and won in the local court and then it went into the Federal court on civil rights and he lost. I said he has made many public statements against Martin Luther King when King was living and he has strong animosity against King and against Kennedy. I said it was significant that he is the attorney selected by Ray to represent him in the trial in this country. I said

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he does not intend to ask for a change of venue if he is to be tried in Memphis. The Attorney General asked if we were getting any evidence that Ray had somebody helping him and supporting him and I told him none whatsoever. I said we were checking various lines as to Ray and Sirhan Sirhan in the Robert F. Kennedy case as to the mysterious woman in the pantry of the Ambassador Hotel and so far they have all fallen through. I said the girl in the Sirhan case has refused to take a lie detector test, but I thought the police were going to give her one although so far she has refused to take one. The Attorney General asked if this were the woman in the polka dot dress and I told him it was the one who claimed she saw the woman in the polka dot dress. The Attorney General said he had read the report on her and got the feeling she was unbalanced. I commented that she was seeking publicity.

I continued that we are also checking as to who was with Sirhan Sirhan at the rifle range when he was practicing with the revolver as well as persons with him when he bought the ammunition. I stated in these instances they were men.

I stated that in Ray's case, we have not found a single angle that would indicate a conspiracy. I said the only significant thing is the money he had and which he spent freely in paying bills and I thought that could have been obtained from a bank robbery. The Attorney General said that if we could show he robbed the bank at Alton, it would be helpful. I said we are working on that because he was paying his bills with \$50 bills up to his arrest. I said on the other hand he stayed at flop houses and never stayed at a first-class hotel but at the same time he spent, I thought, \$1200 or more in buying guns and the car, which I thought was \$1500, and then he took dancing lessons, bartender lessons, and lessons in picking locks, and that is why I think security is so exceedingly important not only in England but on the way back to this country and when he gets here.

The Attorney General commented that he hoped my men can bring him back and asked if that were satisfactory. I told him it was and that I would be strongly of the opinion, unless there is a compelling reason to the contrary, that he ought to be brought back by military plane; that I could not see any difference between a military plane, a Cunard liner, or Pan American; and on the Military plane we would have our Agents and have Ray confined with

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leg irons and handcuffs. I said he is a dangerous individual and is not a damn fool; that he is desperate and will make any effort to escape that he can. I said I thought he should be landed at the Naval airport in Memphis and not the regular airport. The Attorney General asked if we should have a representative of the Memphis Police Department on board or not, and I said I would not think so. I said I would think we would be responsible for taking him from the British and arrange with Frank Holloman to have the Memphis Police at the airport in Memphis on arrival, but to do it almost on an "eyes only" basis so there will be no leak as to where or when he is coming in because we will be plagued by the press, as they are trying everything they can in England to get a line on when he is being moved. I said I noted the lawyer says he expects to be advised exactly when and where he will depart. The Attorney General commented that he will know when he gets in.

I said there is a military airport in London and I thought that is where the military plane should land if it goes from this country with absolute silence on the part of the Commanding General as to its departure; that the first knowledge in this country would come when he is delivered to the Memphis Police with sufficient time to get him into jail. I said the plane should arrive so as not to allow them to go through the city in the daytime but to arrive around 2:00 or 3:00 in the morning. The Attorney General said he was sure that was exactly right. I said otherwise there will be efforts to kill him if there is a conspiracy and if there is no conspiracy, the supporters of Dr. King will do everything in their power to kill him. I said the same thing is true in the case of Sirhan Sirhan in Los Angeles because the feeling on behalf of the Kennedy followers is so strong that they will have to take great precautions to see he is not killed. I said it would be a horrible thing as it would be charged it was done by the Federal Government or something like that and for that reason it must be very carefully handled both as to transportation of Ray from London and incarceration, if he is ever extradited as I think it is going to drag on for five or six weeks. I said what I am afraid of is that there is going to develop in this country criticism on the part of the British in getting this fellow back here. I said people have asked how soon he will be brought back and I have told them it is up to the British as it is not our responsibility as we have done everything so that he has legal representation.

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The Attorney General stated that Assistant Attorney General Fred Vinson, Jr., will be going back over to England Monday night as the Home Secretary and our Ambassador asked that he come back. He said that we have urged in every way that it be speeded up because of the strong feeling in this country about it.

The Attorney General asked then if I thought a military plane is better than leasing a commercial plane and I said I did because when you lease a commercial plane, you would have a crew, unless you put a military crew on it, but there would be no purpose putting a military crew on a commercial plane. I said I could not see any legal difficulty as the method of getting him back does not make much difference as to the legality of the thing or the image of it. The Attorney General commented that he had been thinking the other way. I said he is a dangerous man and has proven himself to be very clever as he has been for various parts of the world as I thought he was headed for Brussels to join the mercenaries and he had plans to go to Rhodesia and he was in London where he laid around for about a week and came back to London. I said the London Police have never been able to pick up what he was doing for the balance of the time. I said he is a slippery, shrewd individual and he is most contemptuous in manner and action with the prison authorities over there. I said another thing about the British is that they are not tight on security as they do not search a person unless he is convicted and they do not search anybody visiting someone in jail, but that is the old British procedure. The Attorney General commented that it is absolutely wrong. I said I thought any person visiting a prisoner ought to be searched. The Attorney General said he thought my men talked them into doing that. I said they finally did, but they always talk about traditions over there. The Attorney General commented that they were about as strict as anybody on those.

I said I thought we have a very serious problem in moving this fellow and we ought to do it with very carefully laid out plans and take him into the Naval airport in Memphis and arrange to turn him over to Holloman and then announce he is in the custody of the Memphis Police. The Attorney General said he hoped my men were working on that so we will be ready and I told him we were.

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I told the Attorney General that the men who were in London were back here, as one man's father had a serious heart attack. I said one is Special Agent Zeiss, whom he may remember, and the Attorney General said he did, that he was a close friend of his father's and his son knows him, too. I said he will be on the plane and so would John T. Minnich. The Attorney General commented this would be ideal.

The Attorney General asked how we thought Ray got the three names he used. I said this again shows his astuteness as all three are living people residing in Canada who never knew him and never heard of him. I said on the other hand, Ray spent last year, when he was wandering around the country, a great portion of the time in Canada and I thought he was planning this thing and seeking a double identity like Sneyd, Galt, and Bridgeman and checking out those names so if there were any check made on his application for a birth certificate, they could ascertain such a person existed. I said this shows his shrewdness. I said I think we are dealing with a man who is not an ordinary criminal in the usual sense, but a man capable of doing any kind of a sly act. The Attorney General said he was exceptionally clever.

I said Sirhan Sirhan is a different individual as he is a fanatic and killed Robert Kennedy because he spoke in favor of Israel and this fellow being an Arab became intensely bitter against Kennedy and felt he should be killed, which he did, but he is a fanatic and Ray is not a fanatic in that sense. I said I think Ray is a racist and detested Negroes and Martin Luther King and there is indication that prior to the Memphis situation, he had information about King speaking in other towns and then picked out Memphis. I said I think he acted entirely alone, but we are not closing our minds that others might be associated with him and we have to run down every lead.

I said we are getting more crank letters and letters about other people who are going to be killed who are in high office, such as Senator Edward Kennedy, et cetera. I said one does not realize how many nuts are loose in this country until we have a case like this. The Attorney General said it brings them out. I said we have to be careful of all of them; that we take about three away a week who come to my office who complain about persecution and sometimes they are armed and we send them to the hospital and then they are sent to St. Elizabeth's and in two or three months they are back on the streets. The Attorney General said we are going to have to find new ways to deal with that problem as it is not effective now. I said it

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June 30, 1968

is a problem for the psychiatrists but they are apparently doing little to cure them, but they are mentally unbalanced. The Attorney General said it is a public safety problem now. I said I do not favor the view that the country is depraved and all that. I said I think we have a great block of fine people in this country; that there may be some depraved citizens, but it is not a depraved society. The Attorney General said he thought there was too much emphasis today in the press that society is sick; that it is the fashionable thing to do.

I said I hoped the new Commission the President has appointed will keep a balanced viewpoint as to that because the other Commission went far astray in regard to white racism. I said there is racism but not as predominantly as the Kerner Commission found it to be. The Attorney General said he had never found it so. I said as an example take the meeting yesterday (Solidarity Day); that more than 50% of those who attended were white and it was not predominantly Negro. The Attorney General said that was surprising to him and he felt better to see it that way. I said this shows that white racism is not as predominant as we have been led to believe. I said I hope the Eisenhower Commission when they get around to their findings view it with an unemotional attitude. The Attorney General said there are some good people on the Commission. I said it seems it should be done without emotionalism or crying fire. I said I get annoyed with the editorials about our sick society as I do not believe there is such a thing in this country although there are some sick citizens. The Attorney General said that if I could make this point in the Law Enforcement Bulletin on the Director's page, he thought it would be helpful. I said I have been working on that just recently; that the idea was given to me by McGill of the Atlanta Constitution. I said he had a fine editorial about the attacks on the FBI because we had not found the King murderer after two months and the cracks that we were not trying to find him and then he quoted several verses of the Bible which portrayed Christ as not interested in the poor, but it showed again that there is always an effort to tear down and destroy. I commented that I thought there was a tendency to debunk our Patriots in history. I said it was that sort of thing that I thought drove President Johnson from running for a second term and the Attorney General agreed.

Memorandum for Messrs. Tolson, DeLoach, Rosen, Bishop

June 20, 1968

I mentioned the Students for a Democratic Society as a minority group dominating and the Attorney General said it was a tiny group. I said it is a bad group and it played a big part yesterday at this meeting as they attended but it was just like the Columbia University thing. I said that was staged by only about thirty individuals who closed the university which has thousands of students. The Attorney General said they are a pretty clever and effective group and have to be watched carefully. I said they are more effective than out and out communists. The Attorney General said they are doing more harm. I said they are moving into every area they can and we have been watching them closely and we have some good informants. The Attorney General said he thought that is really vital because they are a dangerous group.

The Attorney General expressed his appreciation and said he would keep me posted on this registration of guns.

Very truly yours,

J. E. H.

John Edgar Hoover
Director

SENT FROM D. O.	
TIME	11:45 PM
DATE	6-21-68
BY	1125

SAC, New York

6/21/68

Director, FBI

FOREIGN TRAVEL - NEW LEFT GROUPS

ReBulets 6/3/68 and 6/12/68.

At a recently held National Interim Council (NIC) meeting of the Students for a Democratic Society (SDS) held following the SDS National Convention in East Lansing, Michigan, the principal discussion concerned coordination with foreign student groups. It was announced that SDS has been invited to participate in three foreign sessions; namely, a Cuban conference to be held in early August, 1968; a Japanese conference and a Yugoslavian conference. Carl Oglesby, past President of SDS, pushed the Yugoslavian conference as being the most significant to SDS.

During this meeting a suggestion was made that funds be used to bring Rudi Dutschke from Germany and Daniel Cohn-Bendit from France to the U. S. rather than send SDS representatives abroad. The NIC was to subsequently decide this question.

During the National Convention itself, Mark Rudd of Columbia SDS stated that the organization is planning an international students conference to be held in the late Summer, 1968, in Canada, possibly Montreal. During the Convention, attendance at the 9th World Youth Festival to be held at Sofia, Bulgaria, this summer, was also promoted.

In connection with the current survey being conducted by the recipients of this letter, penetrative investigative steps must be undertaken to identify all participants to any conference that SDS representatives will be attending. It is imperative that informants be

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Letter to SAC, New York
RE: FOREIGN TRAVEL - NEW LEFT GROUPS

placed in position to become immediately aware of all plans of SDS to send individuals abroad and that the Bureau is immediately advised by appropriate communication.

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All offices should also follow closely with their sources in New Left groups for an indication Dutschke or Cohn-Bendit may travel to this country. Since the NIC is to subsequently decide the question of their possibly coming to this country, continuous efforts should be made to also penetrate SDS at a high level so that such information may become readily available to them.

The Bureau is following this matter of travel abroad of individuals affiliated with all facets of New Left activity very closely and it is expected that the field will spare no effort to keep on top of this most important phase of the Bureau's responsibilities.

NOTE:

Legat, Ottawa, is being advised separately regarding the international student conference to be held in Canada this summer.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Memorandum

TO : Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

DATE: June 25, 1968

FROM: *WV* Fred M. Vinson, Jr.
Assistant Attorney General
Criminal Division

RMV:JCV:ghh

SUBJECT: Selective Service Act
Conspiracy to Hinder and Interfere

WV
It is requested that the FBI submit a report concerning its investigation of the Students for a Democratic Society Convention Workshop on "Sabotage and Explosives", generally adverted to in your teletype of June 13, 1968.

Our review of whatever evidence exists of this meeting and what was said and done will enable us to determine in an expeditious fashion whether there is sufficient evidence to support a prosecution under 50 U.S.C. App. 462(a).

I am sure Assistant Attorney General Yeagley, will be interested in receiving a copy of the report.

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Mr. Fred M. Vinson, Jr.
Assistant Attorney General

June 28, 1968

Director, FBI

STUDENTS FOR A DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY - *John*
INTERNAL SECURITY - STUDENTS FOR
A DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY

Reference is made to your letter dated
June 25, 1968, captioned "Selective Service Act,
Conspiracy to Hinder and Interfere."

For your information, our Detroit Office is
preparing a report concerning the entire Students for a
Democratic Society National Convention which took place
in East Lansing, Michigan, from June 9-15, 1968. This
report will include pertinent information concerning
the Students for a Democratic Society workshop on
"Sabotage and Explosives."

This report will be furnished the Criminal
Division and the Internal Security Division upon receipt.

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ST-1002 - Detroit (100-30957) (Enclosure)

NOTE FOR SAC, DETROIT:

Enclosed is a copy of AAG Vinson's letter which
is self-explanatory. You should expedite submission of
report concerning the 1968 SDS National Convention. All
pertinent data concerning the workshop on "Sabotage and
Explosives" should be included in this report.

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Teletype referred to by Vinson was submitted under
"Viden" caption and stated that the workshop on "Sabotage
and Explosives" concerned methods to disrupt Selective Service
activities, and the police as well as suggestions concerning
general disruptive-type tactics to be utilized in the future
by SDS.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-439048)

DATE: 7/5/68

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (100-40903) (P)

SUBJECT: STUDENTS FOR A DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY (SDS)
IS - SDS

Re Bureau letter dated 6/21/68.

In referenced Bureau letter, it was stated that at the recently held SDS National Convention, a leaflet was distributed which reflected that consideration was being given to the setting up of a radical ham radio network and the Bureau instructed that an immediate survey of Chicago informants should be made to determine whether any of these informants have amateur radio equipment or an amateur license.

With respect to the above, the Chicago office canvassed informants regarding this matter; however, none of the informants canvassed have amateur radio equipment or have an amateur license.

The Chicago Office has instructed its informants to be alert for any information which would indicate that a radical ham radio network is operational, and if any information is developed the Bureau and interested offices will be immediately advised.

The Chicago Office is following this matter closely, including the possibility of initiating counterintelligence action through appropriate informants regarding this aspect.

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June 27, 1968

Hon. J. Edgar Hoover
Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I have been advised that the organization known as
"Students for a Democratic Society" has been identified
by the Federal Bureau of Investigation as being a sub-
versive organization.

If you have in fact identified this organization either
as being a Communist front organization or as being sub-
versive, or in any other manner indicating that its oper-
ations are contrary to the best interests of America, I
should like to be advised of the facts.

I have been trying to keep myself informed about the
activities of SDS and I am extremely alarmed about the
complacent attitude many people with whom I have been
discussing the organization's activities. If the Bureau,
or you as its Director, have taken any affirmative action
I want to know it so that I can strengthen my arguments
while talking with people who should be alerted to what
is going on.

An early reply will be appreciated.

Respectfully yours,

DRB:jmc

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— J. Edgar Hoover

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REC 26

Bontrager and Spahn
317 West High Street
Elkhart, Indiana 46514

Dear [redacted]

In response to your letter of June 27th, the Students for a Democratic Society (SDS), as it is known today, came into being at a founding convention held at Port Huron, Michigan, in June, 1962.

This association of young people has a current program of protesting the draft, promoting a campaign for youth to develop a conscientious objector status and denouncing United States intervention in the war in Vietnam. It also seeks to "radically transform" the university community and provide for its complete control by students.

The SDS is infiltrated by Communist Party members and Gus Hall, General Secretary, Communist Party, USA, has described the SDS as a part of the "responsible left" which the Party has "going for us."

My statements regarding this organization speak for themselves and I am enclosing some material which contains further information concerning the SDS which I hope will be of assistance to you.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

Enclosures (4)

Director's Testimony before the House Subcommittee on Appropriations, re Students for a Democratic Society

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Analysis of the New Left

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NOTE: Bufiles reflect correspondent is a former State Senator of Indiana . In 1958, in a speech before the National Exchange Club in California, Bontrager made the statement that the Supreme Court was attempting to rewrite the Constitution and he chastised the American people for permitting this, stating that it may one day prove to be America's "Achilles Heel."

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-439048)

FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (100-40903) (P)

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ReBuairtel to Detroit dated 6/27/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau are ten copies and for Detroit two copies of a letterhead memorandum (LHM) which sets forth information regarding the National SDS Convention held 6/9-15/68 at East Lansing, Michigan.

The attached LHM was classified confidential in order to protect the above sources, who are sources of continuing value and if identified, could have an adverse effect on the internal security of the U.S.

No dissemination of attached LHM was made to individual case files of individuals mentioned inasmuch as complete dissemination of the informant report will be made in the near future.

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Special Agent in Charge

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Chicago, Illinois
July 5, 1968

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STUDENTS FOR A DEMOCRATIC
SOCIETY (SDS)

Source advised on July 1 and 2, 1968, that the National Convention of the Students for a Democratic Society (SDS) was held at Michigan State University (MSU), East Lansing, Michigan, on June 9-15, 1968, with approximately 550 persons attending, which included delegates, members, and observers.

DETAILS OF SUBJECT ORGANIZATION

According to source, Mike Spiegel, SDS National Secretary, officially convened the SDS National Convention on June 9, 1968, at 7:30 p.m., in the Student Union Ballroom, MSU, East Lansing, Michigan, before approximately 300 persons. Following the convening of the convention, Carl Davidson, SDS Inter-organizational Secretary, gave a report in which he spoke of the radical student movement. With respect to this radical student movement, Davidson stated this movement is moving forward throughout the United States and the world and said that the SDS should get together with students from other countries, such as France, Italy, Germany, Japan, and Latin America, in order to allow the movement to continue to move forward in the months to come.

Source stated that following Davidson's report, a panel discussion was held on the "Columbia University Incident." In this panel discussion, which consisted of four members, including Mark Rudd, SDS leader from Columbia

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University, New York City, it was indicated that the present Student Revolt in France shows the dire need of an alliance between students and the workers. It was further indicated that the SDS, as an organization, must take on "international characteristics" in order to further the SDS cause.

During the course of this panel discussion, source added that Rudd stated that the SDS is planning an International Students Conference which would be held late this summer in Canada, possibly in Montreal. Rudd also spoke about his arrest at Columbia University during the demonstrations conducted there and added that a "Liberation School" will function at Columbia University this summer.

According to source, the following are some of the points made by the aforementioned panel:

1. That the Columbia University demonstrations presented clear issues to other college campuses in the United States and that this demonstration created an outlet for student feelings; for example, the deplorable conditions that exist in Harlem (New York City) today.
2. That Harlem is only a "colony" of Columbia University which is analogous to American imperialism abroad.
3. People need to be developed to accept analysis of SDS and other similar groups and organizations.
4. Students in the United States are dissatisfied because they feel that they
 - A. Have no connections
 - B. Are manufactured

At the conclusion of the panel discussion at Columbia University, a movie was shown entitled, "Come Back Africa," which reflected the struggle of the Black Man in Africa.

Source advised on Monday, June 10, 1968, the SDS National Convention again re-convened at 11:20 a.m. at

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RE: SDS

MSU, East Lansing, Michigan. The following agenda was furnished to those in attendance:

MONDAY

11:00 a.m. - 12 Noon

National Secretary's Report and procedural information for the week.

1:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Workshops on past years experience, problems, solutions, crises, etc., at the chapter level.

7:30 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.

Panel on summer work, movies.

TUESDAY

10 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Workshops on summer program **

2:30 pm. - 6 p.m.

Panel on "The Big Trends": Where is America Going?

7:30 pm - 11 pm

Workshops on the direction of the movement, (SDS specifically), nationally (structure proposals, national programs, etc.) **

WEDNESDAY

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Workshops on specific topics (workshops will be posted; if you have suggestions for others please write them up and put them in suggested workshops box at registration desk by Tues. evening!!!)

2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

"Services" panel: various groups from around the country will briefly explain what they do, how they might help chapters, how they can be contacted, etc.

3:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Continuation of morning workshops on specific topics

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7:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

Panel on Racism and White Response
to Black Rebellion

10:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.

NATIONAL CONVENTION PLENARY:
Credentials and Agenda

PLEASE NOTE:

The Convention Steering Committee strongly recommends that all those preparing resolutions submit a summary of them (what the main points are) by 6:00 p.m. so they can begin ordering an agenda and save all of our TIME AND PATIENCE.... so PLEASE HEED. Drop them at the registration desk.

THURSDAY

10:00 a.m. - 11:00 p.m.

NATIONAL CONVENTION

FRIDAY: SATURDAY:

10:00 a.m. - 11:00 p.m.

NATIONAL COUNCIL PLENARY

** WORKSHOPS ON TUESDAY:

PLEASE GO TO THE WORKSHOP ORIGINALLY
ASSIGNED TO YOU AT REGISTRATION.
If you need a workshop assignment
please get one at the registration
desk.

Source further advised that the following events
took place during the course of the SDS National Convention:

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RE: SDS

Monday - June 10, 1968:

It was announced by Mike Spiegel that each regional area represented at this SDS Convention would hold separate caucuses in order to elect a representative to the Steering Committee, which committee would set policy for the rest of the SDS Convention.

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[REDACTED] MEMBER OF SUMMER ORGANIZATION

After all regional caucuses were completed, it was then announced to the convention the individuals who had been elected to this Steering Committee. This newly-formed Steering Committee then met in order to decide on press policies to be followed during the time the convention was in session.

1:45 p.m.

Source advised that the SDS convention re-convened after a lunch break and the convention immediately broke into workshops. Source stated that the theme in these workshops was the discussion of the problems that the various SDS chapters have faced during the past year; the solutions to these problems; and the crisis that each chapter must face in the forthcoming months.

Source added that during the course of these discussions, Carl Davidson was heard to state that students must cooperate with the working class and join a common struggle against capitalist imperialism. The workshops terminated at approximately 5:30 p.m.

Evening Session
June 10, 1968
6:00 P.M.

MEMBER OF SUMMER ORGANIZATION

A panel discussion was held on "SDS Summer Work." This panel consisted, in part, of Lee Coleman, SDS National

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RE: SDS

MEMBER OF SUBJECT ORGANIZATION

Officer Mike James, SDS leader from Chicago, Illinois;
John Feurst from New York; and Steve Komm.

In connection with this discussion on SDS Summer Work, the following points were made:

1. Methods or ways must be determined in order to obtain the support of the workers.
2. Concerted effort must be made by SDS members to work closely with the workers.
3. After working closely with the workers and gaining their complete confidence, they must be organized.

10:05 p.m.

Following the completion of the aforementioned workshop, a movie, entitled "China," was shown.

Tuesday, June 11, 1968
10:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

The SDS Convention again met in workshops which stressed problems and crises that SDS local chapters must face.

2:45 p.m. to 6:05 p.m.

MEMBER OF SUBJECT ORGANIZATION
The SDS National Convention met in Plenary Session, which was chaired by Eric Mann. During the course of this session, various speakers spoke. Among those who spoke were:

Dave Gilbert

Gilbert stated that the consumer in present-day America is the one that is being cheated by the capitalist manufacturers and as a result, are targets of exploitations.

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Manish Sinclair

MEMBER OF SUBJECT ORGANIZATION

Sinclair stated that the SDS must make a concerted effort in the forthcoming period of time to work and organize together in order to achieve SDS goals.

Jeff Gordon

Gordon stated that the present-day capitalist system in the United States must be completely changed and a new system, not further described, must replace this capitalist system.

Robert Pardun

Pardun stated that every effort must be made to keep Progressive Labor Party (PLP) members out of the SDS unless they first agree to work for the SDS and place PLP efforts and endeavors second.

Pardun added that the United States Government is presently harrassing the SDS. As a result, Pardun urged that the SDS decentralize, with the individual regions taking over. Pardun cautioned that in the event that such decentralization is not effected, he is afraid that the SDS may not be around much longer.

8:00 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.

The convention met in workshops during this session and again discussed forthcoming summer work on the part of SDS members. In this connection, a discussion was held with respect to the setting up, by the SDS, of a National Student Labor Project (SLAP). It was stated during this discussion that the workers in America are being exploited by the capitalistic society and that now is the time for the students to take cognizance of this as they, the students, are victims of this same exploitation.

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RE: SDS

Wednesday, June 12, 1968

1:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Source advised that the SDS National Convention conducted no regular business during the morning. Source added that the afternoon session was spent in workshops, with one of the workshops being concerned with "The Military." During the course of this workshop, the editor of "The Bond," a newspaper written for servicemen, was heard to state that consideration should be given to the setting up of "coffee workshops" or "Drop-in-Centers." These establishments would be available for servicemen and could be used by them as a place where they could gather and talk to somebody about the problems they are facing in the military service. In addition, these establishments would offer the excellent opportunity for the SDS to politically orientate the servicemen to the SDS programs and endeavors.

Source also advised that a soldier on active duty at Ft. Sheridan, Illinois, who identified himself as Robert Deitz, also spoke during the workshop and stated that he is presently printing and passing out leaflets at Ft. Sheridan and is allowed to do this by military authorities at the Fort.

During his talk, Deitz was asked by an individual who was in attendance at this workshop as to why he was not "kicked out" by the military in view of his activities and Deitz replied that the military cannot find suitable grounds to give him a dishonorable discharge and as a result, if he received any other type of discharge, he would then be eligible for all military benefits of a discharged serviceman.

Source stated that this workshop then proceeded to write the following resolution, which resolution would then be presented to the entire SDS National Convention for adoption:

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**A RESOLUTION CREATING AN SDS
FOR GI**

"Whereas: The armed forces of the United States as presently constituted are the primary instrument of American imperialism and are used to oppress people in the United States and other countries;

"Whereas: The government coerces individuals to serve as its instruments of oppression by the draft;

"Whereas: These individuals are exploited within the armed forces and are then used to exploit other people; therefore,

"Be it resolved that the Students for a Democratic Society initiate and support activities directed toward creating a radical political consciousness among the members of the armed forces by:

- "1) advocating in our draft work that individuals continue the struggle against imperialism by entering the military for the purpose of politicizing and organizing our brothers in the military;
- "2) setting up G.I. drop-in-centers near military installations offering a political program aimed at aiding G.I.'s in radical struggle and organizing-efforts in the military;
- "3) encouraging individuals and chapters to conduct an organized campaign to involve GI's in their social and political activities;

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4) establishing a military counselling service;

"5) providing the needed support for radical struggles within the military-- i.e. demonstrations, publicity, printing facilities, etc.

"Implementation: The June Convention should create an SDS project for G.I. organizers with a co-ordinating office in the New York Region."

"The Workshop in G.I. Organizing"

Evening Session

8:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.

A panel discussion was held on "Racism." Various speakers spoke during this panel discussion, which included a talk by John Levun from San Francisco State College. Levun spoke about his school's past activities and was interrupted by some individuals because they claimed that his talk had nothing to do with racism.

Upon completion of Levun's speech, Bob Pardun stood up and admonished those who had jeered Levun by stating that it was disgraceful that an SDS member would jeer another SDS member.

According to source, a representative from an organization from New York City, which uses an obscene word in its organizational title, spoke and stated that the white man should take up arms against other whites in order to help the Negroes.

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RE: SDS

Thursday, June 13, 1968

10:20 a.m. to 9:15 p.m.

The SDS National Convention met in Plenary Session and was chaired by Tim McCarthy, Assistant National SDS Secretary. DIRECTOR OF STUDENT ORGANIZATION

The following items of business were conducted during this session:

1. National Secretary's report.
2. Financial Report.
3. Constitutional proposals.

Source advised that in connection with the Financial Report, the following information was furnished:

Total income for 1968: \$115,814.90
Total expenses, 1968: 114,642.52

It was further stated that during the year 1968, \$51,000 was received in contributions, and \$19,059 was received from dues and subscriptions. It was added that the National office has recently purchased a printing press for \$12,000; however, to date, it has not been installed.

Source further advised that three proposals were submitted to the convention floor to amend the 1967 SDS National Constitution; however, all three proposals were voted down and there were no changes made in the 1967 SDS National Constitution.

Friday, June 14, 1968

11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

The session this date was again chaired by Tim McCarthy and concerned itself with the nominating and

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electing of the SDS National officers. The following three national officers were elected:

Inter-organizational Secretary

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Bernadine Dohrn, a lawyer, was nominated and elected for this position and ran unopposed. During a questioning period as to her qualifications for this position, Dohrn replied that she was a "revolutionary communist."

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According to source, after Dohrn addressed the convention, a floor fight took place between SDS and PLP members. Speakers from both factions addressed the convention and at times, there were loud verbal outbreaks. Source added that as a result of this fight, there is a definite possibility that a split will develop between SDS and PLP in the foreseeable future.

~~MEMBER OF SUBJECT ORGANIZATION~~

Internal Education Secretary

B. APPROX 11/14

Fred Gordon, who ran against two other candidates, was nominated and elected to this position. Gordon stated that he was a former Harvard student, taught draft counseling and further described himself as a "national SDS innovator of programs."

~~MEMBER OF SUBJECT ORGANIZATION~~

National Secretary

B. APPROX 11/14

Mike Klonsky, who ran unopposed, stated that he was a former SDS organizer from Los Angeles, California; that the SDS must be decentralized; that every SDS member must have a sense of brotherhood; and that he too considered himself to be a "revolutionary communist."

4:30 p.m. to 12:20 a.m.

This period of time was spent in nominating and electing individuals to membership on the SDS National Interior Committee (NIC). There were 19 candidates for the eight positions to be filled and the following individuals were elected to the NIC:

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Chip Marshall
Jeff Jones
Mike James
Eric Mann
Mike Spiegel
Morgan Spector
Carl Olesby
Bartee Haile

Saturday, June 15, 1968

11:00 a.m. to 1:35 p.m.

The SDS National Convention met in Plenary Session, with approximately 150 persons present, and was chaired by Tim McCarthy. A discussion was held as to whether the convention should be adjourned due to "unrepresentative body" present. After a short debate, it was decided that efforts would be made to adjourn the convention at 1:30 p.m.

Source advised that for the most part, all business was tabled and would be taken up at the next NIC meeting; however, this plenary session did pass the resolution on "The Military."

Source added that at 1:35 p.m., the SDS National Convention was adjourned. A press conference was held at 2:00 p.m. in which the old and new SDS National officers met with the press. During the course of this press conference, the following news release was made available to the press:

"The SDS national convention brought together about 300 delegates from local chapters all over the country. After 5 days of debate, there emerged a consensus on certain organizational directions. SDS, it was felt, should maintain a decentralized organization to prevent the development of any

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national manipulative bureaucracy; the national office should serve only a coordinating and educative role, and that far more initiative should come from regional centers which are closer and more responsive to the needs of individual chapters.

"Much of the discussion centered on ways of extending the movement to new constituencies-- to uncommitted students and high school students, and to workers, hippies, and the American poor.

"The convention reaffirmed its strong opposition to the draft as an oppressive institution which exploits American workers and students for the purpose of exploiting and murdering people abroad, and voted unanimously to support the SDS national draft coordinator, Jeff Segal, who is presently in prison for draft refusal. SDS also affirmed its solidarity with the students at Columbia University who are now in jail for their protest against Columbia's counter-insurgency military research programs, and Columbia's role as one of the biggest slumlords in New York.

"New national officers were also elected. They are Mike Klonsky, National Secretary, Fred Gordon, Internal Education Secretary, and Bernardine Dohrn, Inter-organizational Secretary.

"Mike Klonsky, 25 years old, is a 1967 graduate of San Fernando Valley State College. Fred Gordon, 24, graduated from Harvard University in 1966. He has been a graduate student in philosophy at the University of California, San Diego for the past two years. Bernardine Dohrn, 26, graduated from University of Chicago in 1963 and from the University of Chicago Law School in 1967.

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Source also advised that at 4:00 p.m., Saturday, June 15, 1968, the first meeting of the newly-elected NIC was held at MSU, East Lansing, Michigan, with approximately 40 persons present. The following items were discussed:

International Student Conference

A conference of radicals will possibly be held in Canada in late summer; however, final details will be worked out later. During this discussion it was stated that it would be better for the foreign students to come to America rather than to have the SDS send representatives to Europe.

It was also stated that the SDS should align itself with students from Germany, France, and Cuba.

Summer Work

Tabled to the next NIC meeting.

Financial Report

It was urged that SDS members sign up new members. It was stated that the SDS was presently operating in the black.

Pamphlets

It was stressed that the SDS needs better pamphlets inasmuch as the present pamphlets have been criticized as being boring.

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National Administrative
Committee (NAC)

The NAC was briefly discussed; however, a decision was made not to select new members to the NAC at this time.

The following is additional background information, where available, of individuals previously mentioned in this communication.

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Jeffrey Gordon JEFF GORDON

The October-November, 1966, issue of "Progressive Labor," self-described as a bi-monthly Progressive Labor Party (PLP) magazine, identified Gordon as the National Student Organizer for PLP.

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Mike James

MEMBER OF SUBJECT ORGANIZATION

[REDACTED] advised that on March 25, 1967, a peace march and rally was held in Chicago which was sponsored by various peace and civil rights organizations. During the demonstrations Mike James, who was introduced as a SDS leader, spoke and urged that draft eligible youths defy the draft and called for continued protests and sit-in demonstrations on every campus protesting the Vietnam War. James added that the poor must be organized in opposition to the military-industrial complex. B7D

Carl Oglesby

MEMBER OF SUBJECT ORGANIZATION

On November 2, 1967, [REDACTED] advised that Oglesby was the former National President of SDS. B7D

Mark Rudd

MEMBER OF SUBJECT ORGANIZATION

The "Columbia Spectator," a Columbia University newspaper issue of February 9, 1968, contained an article which stated that Mark Rudd left for Mexico on February 5, 1968, with 19 other representatives of SDS on a two week visit of Cuba. Rudd and the others traveled by way of Mexico in order to evade State Department restrictions on travel to certain communist countries. They were to return by way of Cuba. B1

Morgan Spector

[REDACTED] advised on October 24, 1967, that Morgan Spector is the son of Elizabeth and Frank Spector, who are members of the Communist Party in Los Angeles, California. B7D

Characterizations of the SDS, SL, PLP and DCA are attached hereto.

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PROGRESSIVE LABOR PARTY

A source advised on April 20, 1965, that the Progressive Labor Party (PLP), formerly known as the Progressive Labor Movement (PLM), held its first national convention April 15-18, 1965, at New York, New York, to organize the PLM into a PLP. The PLP will have as its ultimate objective the establishment of a militant working class movement based on Marxism-Leninism.

The "New York Times" City Edition, Tuesday, April 20, 1965, page 27, reported that a new party of "revolutionary socialism" was formally founded on April 18, 1965, under the name of the PLP. The PLP was described as an outgrowth of the PLM. Its officers were identified as MILTON ROSEN, New York, President, and WILLIAM EPTON of New York and MORT SCHEER of San Francisco Vice Presidents. A 20-member National Committee was elected to direct the party until the next convention.

According to the article, "The Progressive Labor Movement was founded in 1962 by Mr. ROSEN and Mr. SCHEER after they were expelled from the Communist Party of the United States for assertedly following the Chinese Communist line."

The PLP publishes "Progressive Labor," a bi-monthly magazine, "Challenge," a monthly New York City newspaper, and "Spark," a West Coast newspaper.

The April, 1967, issue of "Challenge," page 14, states that, "This paper is dedicated to fight for a new way of life-where the working men and women own and control their homes, factories, the police, courts, and the entire government on every level."

A second source advised on September 26, 1966, that the PLP utilizes the address of General Post Office Box 808, Brooklyn 1, New York, but also utilizes an office in Room 617, 1 Union Square, West, New York City, where PLP publications are prepared.

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SPARTACIST LEAGUE (SL), Formerly
known as the Revolutionary Committee
of the Fourth International

A source advised on September 9, 1964, the Revolutionary Committee of the Fourth International (RCFI) was also known as the Spartacist Committee and the Spartacist Group. The source described the RCFI as being composed of former members of the Socialist Workers Party (SWP) who were led by JAMES ROBERTSON.

A second source advised on March 4, 1964, that FARRELL DOBBS, National Secretary of the SWP, sent a letter to all SWP branches in February, 1964, in which he advised that JAMES ROBERTSON announced on February 10, 1964, that his faction would publicly criticize the SWP and had followed this with a public organ called "Spartacist" in which they attacked the SWP.

A third source advised on September 7, 1966, that the RCFI held a Founders' Conference of the Spartacist League at Chicago, Illinois, from September 3-5, 1966. On September 4, 1966, it was stated that the objective of the SL was to destroy the capitalist system and the capitalist society and create a workers' class system and a workers' class society.

The May-June, 1967, issue of "Spartacist" reflects "Published by the Central Committee of the Spartacist League."

The SWP has been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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STUDENTS FOR A DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY

The Students for a Democratic Society (SDS), as it is known today, came into being at a founding convention held at Port Huron, Michigan, in June, 1962. The SDS is an association of young people on the left and has a current program of protesting the draft, promoting a campaign for youth to develop a conscientious objector status, denouncing United States intervention in the war in Vietnam and to "radically transform" the university community, and provide for its complete control by students. GUS HALL, General Secretary, Communist Party, USA, when interviewed by a representative of United Press International in San Francisco, California, on May 14, 1965, described the SDS as a part of the "responsible left" which the Party has "going for us." At the June, 1965, SDS National Convention, an anticommunist proviso was removed from the SDS constitution. In the October 7, 1966, issue of "New Left Notes," the official publication of SDS, an SDS spokesman stated that there are some communists in SDS and they are welcome. The national headquarters of this organization as of April 18, 1967, was located in Room 206, 1608 West Madison Street, Chicago, Illinois.

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A second source has advised that the founding convention for the new youth organization was held from June 19-21, 1964, at 150 Golden Gate Avenue, San Francisco, California, at which time the name W.E.B. DuBois Clubs of America (DCA) was adopted. Approximately 500 delegates from throughout the United States attended this convention.

The second source advised in September, 1966, that MIKE ZAGARELL, CPUSA Youth Director, stated that in Negro communities the Party still supported the plan to build "left" socialist centers and to solidify the Party base through the DCA. This source also advised in September, 1966, that DANIEL RUBIN, CPUSA National Organizational Secretary, stated the Party believes the DCA should have a working-class outlook and be a mass organization favorable to socialism, socialist countries and Marxism, and in April, 1967, advised that GUS HALL, CPUSA General Secretary, indicated the DCA primary emphasis should be on developing mass resistance to the draft.

A third source advised in September, 1967, that JARVIS TYNER was elected chairman of the DCA on September 10, 1967, at the Third National Convention of the DCA held in New York, New York, from September 8-10, 1967.

A fourth source advised during August, 1967, that JARVIS TYNER is a member of the National Committee of the CPUSA.

A fifth source advised on September 21, 1967, that the headquarters of the DCA is located at 34 West 17th Street, New York, New York.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Chicago, Illinois
July 5, 1968

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No. CG 100-40903

Title

STUDENTS FOR A DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY

Character

Reference

Communication dated and captioned
as above at Chicago.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities
are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable
information in the past.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan

DATE: 6/28/68

FROM : Mr. C. D. Brennan

SUBJECT: STUDENTS FOR A DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY - General
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The Students for a Democratic Society (SDS) held its 1968 National Convention at Michigan State University, East Lansing, Michigan, from June 9-15, 1968. Information concerning the activities of the convention was set out in a Current Intelligence Analysis dated June 20, 1968, and disseminated to high level Government officials and appropriate Government agencies.

OBSERVATIONS:

One of the played down high lights of the convention was the attempt of 60-70 delegates of the pro-Chinese Progressive Labor Party to influence the convention by gaining control of the eleven member National Interim Committee of SDS. As a result of this SDS expended more time in combating the attempted takeover by Progressive Labor Party than discussing more important business which may have possibly enhanced the development of SDS. A number of newspaper articles have been written concerning the developments at the convention, however, no space has been given to the SDS and Progressive Labor Party dispute. Both of these organizations have as their target the total change of the American way of life, only the means are different and it is, therefore, believed that friendly sources in the newspaper field could make excellent use of pertinent information concerning the friction between these two militant and revolutionary groups. There is attached a blind memorandum concerning this matter.

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Memorandum to W. C. Sullivan
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RECOMMENDATION:

That the Crime Records Division consider furnishing the data in attached memorandum to friendly sources in the newspaper field.

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July 1, 1968

STUDENTS FOR A DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY

The current wave of militancy on college campuses in the United States has for the most part been fomented by a group acknowledged to be the spokesman for the so-called New Left movement. This group, the Students for a Democratic Society (SDS), held its annual national convention from June 9, 1968, through June 15, 1968, at Michigan State University, East Lansing, Michigan, and nearly met its match in the form of an organization whose militant plans if developed could make the past activities of SDS look like a Sunday School picnic. This group is the pro-Chinese Progressive Labor Party (PLP) which was founded by expelled Communist Party USA (CPUSA) members in 1962.

Such well-known subversive groups as the CPUSA, PLP, and Trotskyite Socialist Workers Party have been trying for several years to exert their influence over SDS and to some extent have been successful. As Gus Hall, General Secretary, CPUSA, said in 1965, SDS is part of the "responsible left" which the Party has "going for us."

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The PLP has been much more direct and many of its members have been instrumental in forming policy in the SDS New York region. During the recent Columbia University student revolt, PLP leaders in New York City were on the campus and actively helped and organized the demonstrations.

The 1968 SDS National Convention, which was attended by over 800 delegates and observers from more than 200 SDS Chapters, was as usual in complete disarray from its inception to nearly the very end. Confusion was prevalent and unification among the delegates was not to be had, that is, until the tightly controlled and disciplined PLP caucus of 60 to 70 members sought to influence the convention by gaining control of the eleven member National Interim Committee of SDS.

SDS, which in the last 12 months has evolved from an anti-imperialist to an anti-capitalist perspective, is on the precipice of embracing socialism or, in the terminology of a considerable number of SDS members, revolutionary communism, spelled with a small c. Partially in response to a new political seriousness in the organization and the existence of PLP membership on a local level, SDS is about to embark a campaign to strengthen itself on the regional level.

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Much of the early confusion at the convention came about as a result of the PLP attempted takeover. Opposition to the PLP began immediately and so much time was expended on discussing this organization that more important business that could have enhanced the development of strong SDS regions and SDS entrance into citywide organizing among the poor failed.

Just what does PLP want with SDS? Various interpretations by SDS members came up with the conclusions that PLP either wishes to inhibit revolutionary and ideological development in order to insure that SDS remains merely another student movement; or seeks to recruit a large number of members into its own organization. Whatever the reason, it is apparent that the ultimate plan of PLP is to follow the Leninist conception of revolutionary organization, viewing itself as a small, highly politicized vanguard leadership responsive to a relatively unpoliticized mass of which SDS is only to be a part.

SDS has a real problem in its future handling of its differences with PLP and in view of the increased militant and revolutionary tactics on the part of both organizations, only togetherness in regard to the means to

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change the concepts of the American way of life will settle the question. Despite the chaos of the SDS National Convention the New Left learned a great deal during the seven days the convention was going on, and it was the general feeling that one more step in the direction of revolutionary consciousness was gained.

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Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-439048)

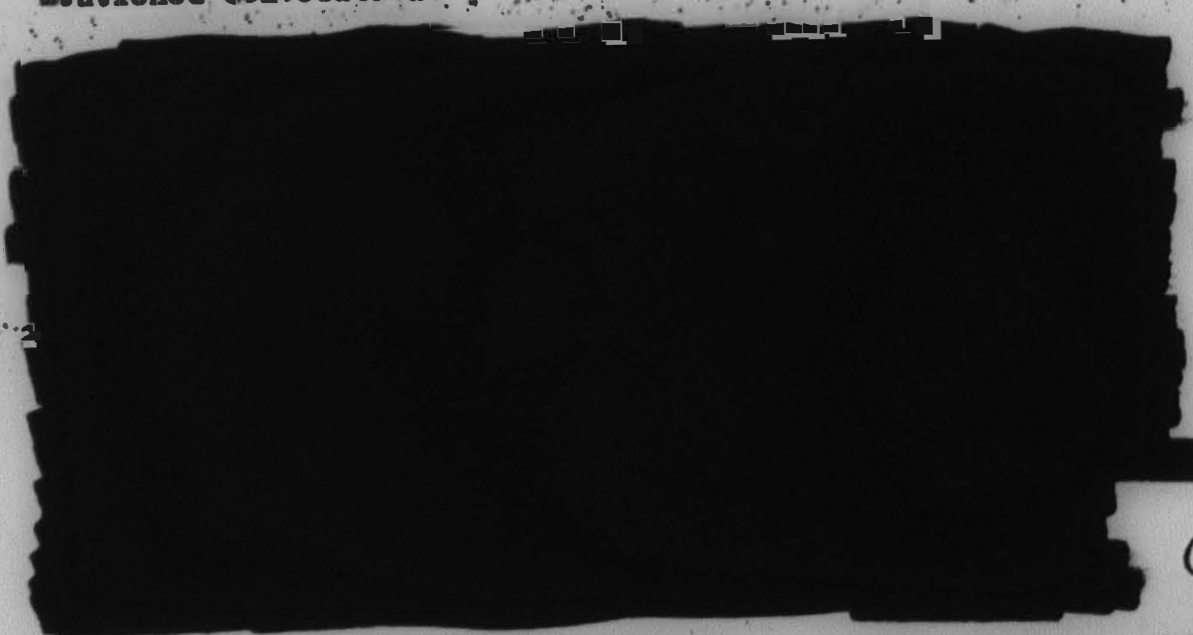
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FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (100-40903) (P)

SUBJECT: ODENIS FOR A DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY
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Re New York airtel and letterhead memorandum,
both dated 6/19/68.

In referenced letterhead memorandum, it was stated that the Foreign Policy Association (FPA) held a Convocation in New York City on 5/27-28/68, and that the Chicago office was requested to contact informants and sources in order to ascertain the participation of Students for a Democratic Society (SDS) and/or New left representatives at the aforementioned Convocation.



The Chicago Office has alerted sources regarding this matter as well as the FPA and if any pertinent information is developed, such information will be immediately furnished to the Bureau and interested offices.

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From: Legal Attache, Ottawa

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